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Train tracks, food and shelter

Food For The Poor helps the destitute in 14 Third World countries along the pathway to health and spirituality

By Mary Ann Wyand

Second of two parts

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador—Three times a day, trains rumble through the center of Carmelite Father David Blanchard's parish in a destitute area of the capital city.

Hundreds of his parishioners live just six feet from the rails on both sides of the track, and vibrations from the heavy railroad cars shake their shacks. Children play on the railroad track and adults walk along it to visit neighbors or go to church.

If a train derailed, hundreds of people would be killed or seriously injured. But safety isn't the Carmelite missionary's primary concern. His daily priorities are providing food and health care, as well as spiritual nourishment, for these struggling Salvadoran families. They were displaced by a devastating earthquake in 1986 and the country's bloody 12-year civil war, which claimed more than 60,000 lives from 1979 until 1991.

To care for the physical needs of his people, Father David relies on donations of bulk foods, medicines and miscellaneous supplies provided by Food For The Poor through a humanitarian aid network established by the Archdiocese of San Salvador.

Ferdinand Mahfood, founder and president of Food For The Poor, told journalists participating in an April 15-16 tour of slums in San Salvador that dedicated and capable people like Father David make it possible for the 16-year-old interdenominational relief agency to help the poorest of the poor in 14 Latin American and Caribbean countries.

"Rice is the basic commodity that is eaten by people living in the Caribbean and in Central America," Mahfood said. "Over the last 16 years, on a gradually increasing basis, we have provided rice and other bulk foods to these Third World countries."

In 1998, he said, donations enabled Food For The Poor to buy 10 million pounds of rice valued at \$1 million.

"We ship the rice into the Third World countries in these regions," Mahfood said. "Ten trailers a month go to Haiti; five or six trailers a month go

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Salvadorans walk along the railroad track that is their home with visiting journalists during an April 16 Food For The Poor visit to the displaced community of Casa Comunal, Pipil in San Salvador. Carmelite Father David Blanchard helps the destitute people of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at Calle Real, who live just six feet from each side of the railroad. Mary Ann Wyand represented *The Criterion* on the two-day Food For The Poor tour of Salvadoran slums last month.



This Colegio Calle Real student displays a cardboard table and chairs he made at his Catholic school in San Salvador.

Vatican official: Israel has yet to achieve peace with neighbors, within borders

ROME (CNS)—The Vatican's foreign minister said that after 50 years, Israel has yet to achieve lasting peace with its neighbors and within its borders.

The foreign minister, Archbishop Jean-Louis Tauran, said peace in Israel "will become a reality when all are convinced that there cannot be good for someone at the cost of ill for others, that the security of some cannot be guaranteed to the detriment of the security of others."

During an April 30 celebration of Israel's 50th anniversary, Israel's ambassador to the Holy See, Aharon Lopez, gave Archbishop Tauran a parchment scroll copy of the Israeli Declaration of Independence. The archbishop then pointed out a part of the declaration that said the nascent state

invited Arabs living in Israel "to sustain peace" and that it extended "an offer of peace and good neighborliness" to all the surrounding Arab states.

Archbishop Tauran said the maintenance of peace was "the moral obligation of every person and of every state, even if the attainment of peace can require important compromises."

Archbishop Tauran did not make a direct reference to peace talks scheduled to take place four days later in London between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Both have been called upon to compromise on security and sovereignty issues in order to reach agreement. Two weeks before, the archbishop raised doubts about the

prospects for a papal visit soon to the Middle East, because the peace process there had not sufficiently advanced.

"Is it possible," he asked a reporter, "that this would take place in the present context? I would say no. Because, considering the situation, it would certainly be the opposite: The pope would come to sanctify, to consecrate, situations of international injustice."

Lopez told Catholic News Service after Archbishop Tauran's speech that Israelis and Palestinians alike were "feeling that if they don't get 100 percent of what they expect, then they are experiencing injustice. And to share that burden of a sense of injustice is the whole idea of reaching an acceptable compromise." †

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to Jamaica, three trailers a month go to Guyana . . . But that's only rice. We need to have enough money to provide the same amount of soy protein, milk powder, flour and corn meal.

"We are about two or three years from being able to do that," he said, "but it is easily possible with help from donors. Sixteen years ago, we started providing 100,000 pounds of rice a year to the poor, and now we're shipping 10 million pounds. The idea of people in the First World feeding destitute people in the Third World is not far-fetched. Food For The Poor now has 900,000 donors. Before I die, I hope we will have 3 million or 4 million donors so we can buy all these things to feed the poor."

Since its inception, Food For The Poor's ratio of administrative expenses to market value of goods shipped is 11.4 percent, Mahfood said. "Food For The Poor is both efficient and cost-effective."

Food For The Poor officials also work with the U.S. Agency for International Development (U.S.A.I.D.) and the Defense Re-utilization and Marketing Organization to acquire a variety of government surplus materials and clothing to help rebuild communities in Third World countries.

The relief organization also provides building supplies for critically-needed housing and equipment for vocational training so impoverished people can learn trades and improve their lives.

When people donate money to help the poor, Mahfood said, they are indirectly helping further the work of all charitable organizations and poverty-relief agencies dedicated to alleviating the suffering of people in Third World countries.

"There is severe destitution in all of the 14 countries we serve," he said. "Haiti is total devastation. It is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Ninety percent of the 8 million people there are unemployed and illiterate. There are about 30,000 street children, abandoned by their parents, in Port au Prince, so we have started two homes there for 150 boys and 150 girls. We also have a hospital in Haiti serving 350,000 people, and we will open a children's hospital there in about six months."

"Nothing is being done [by the Haitian government] for the poor," Mahfood said. "There is no housing. They don't clean the garbage and sewage in the slums of Port au Prince. There is lots of disease. Sixty percent of the children suffer from malnutrition. Eighty percent of the children have worms. A large percentage of the poor have AIDS, tuberculosis or leprosy. There are severe shortages of food, housing and schools."



Bakery and welding skills are among the vocational trades taught to impoverished Salvadorans at the Crefac-Centro de Formacion y Desarrollo Familiar, a family education and development center supported by donations to Food For The Poor.

"In Jamaica, we have a waiting list of 7,000 people who need housing," he said. "Guyana is experiencing food shortages. The small Caribbean islands are not too bad because there are smaller populations of 100,000 people each."

In recent years, Food For The Poor expanded its ministry to El Salvador and three other Central American countries in response to the critical human needs there.

When he started Food For The Poor in 1982, Mahfood found out he could access ocean-freight money from the U.S. government. To qualify for that money, he said, "we needed a minimum of five countries, so we took on Jamaica, Haiti, Grenada, St. Lucia and Guyana. Our income from the U.S.A.I.D. Ocean Freight Reimbursement Program went from \$50,000 a year to \$450,000 a year. We are only reimbursed \$150,000 a year now, out of an annual freight bill of \$3.5 million. Congress has drastically cut this humanitarian aid to the underdeveloped world."

Each year, Mahfood said, Food For the Poor acquires and ships about \$15 million worth of government surplus goods from the U.S. military bases, including food, furniture, school desks and hospital supplies, to support relief efforts underway in Third World countries.

"The U.S. government designates the countries we can ship to," he said, "and when they open up a country we go there. With help from donors, we are trying to do all that we can to help the poorest of God's people." †

Corrections

A photo caption in the May 1 issue incorrectly identified Franciscan Sisters Amy Kistner and Christa Frenzer of the Sisters of St. Francis Motherhouse in Oldenburg as belonging to another religious community.

St. Rose of Lima parishioner Mark Boehnlein of Franklin wrote the poem *The Easter Lily*, published in the April 17 issue. The poem was incorrectly attributed to his mother, Peggy Boehnlein. He is a senior at Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis.



Sisters splash each other with water outside their shack just six feet from the railroad track in the Casa Communal, Pipil area of San Salvador.

Prayer, charitable giving are ways to help the poor at home and abroad

Prayer is the primary way to help the poor.

That's the opinion of Providence Sister Marian Kinney, archdiocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and other mission organizations.

"I think it is very important that all of us in the archdiocese pray for our home missionaries and also for our missionaries abroad," Sister Marian said. "They are desperately in need of our prayers. Of course, they also need our financial help, and I think it's important to connect sacrifice with giving."

Charitable giving is an integral aspect of Christian life, she said. "It's important to help others spread the faith to the ends of the Earth and help people in desperate need."

When people donate to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, their money is sent to a general fund operated by the national office in New York, she said. The national office has a committee made up of people—priests, sisters, laity—from all over the world. In that way, she added, the Propagation of the Faith can find out about the most destitute places in the world and the people most in need.

Sister Marian also serves as the archdiocesan director of the Catholic Relief Services, the Holy Childhood Association, and 12 other national mission organizations. Overhead averages 9 percent.

"Catholic Relief Services is also a tremendous organization," she said. "The Propagation of the Faith tries to establish the faith and parishes in different countries where it's needed. Whenever there is an emergency of any sort, the Catholic Relief Services can move in and build on what the Propagation of the Faith has already set up. Those two associations work together to help the poor in different areas."

In addition to helping in emergency situations, Sister Marian said, "Catholic Relief Services tries to establish habitual ways in which the people can grow their own food and sustain themselves, to help people help themselves."

Through contributions to second collections at Masses, she said, "people in the archdiocese are contributing very widely throughout the world and also here at home to the cause of the missions." †

— Mary Ann Wyand

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Mother nurses spirit of success in daughters

By Sue Hetzler

Millions of children will take the opportunity to say "thank you" on Mother's Day this Sunday, a national holiday honoring mothers that has turned into one of the biggest retail sales days of the year.

For Indianapolis southsider Mary Halter, it doesn't take a Mother's Day to recognize the example she has been for her two daughters. She sees almost every day the impact of her years of love and guidance. All three are registered nurses at St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove.

"I'm proud of them every day," said Halter of her daughters, 32-year-old Angie Heinzelman and 23-year-old Amy Morgan. "You think of how you want your children to grow up, and all of my wishes have come true. I'm proud that they have become such lovely young women."

Following in their mother's footsteps was not a planned strategy, but the similar career paths were almost inevitable considering the level of patient compassion each have a reputation for at the hospital. Their nursing managers say once you get to know all three of the women, there's no mistaking they came from the same mold.

"It's easy to know that they are related," said Kelli Kappus, nursing manager for the cardiac surgery unit where Heinzelman is an educator. "They smile a lot, have a great sense of humor, and they have a special way of relating with the patients and their families."

Halter, 56, works on the medical floor with patients who have respiratory problems and diabetes. Although a nurse for the past 20 years, she entered the profession when there was little else a woman was expected to do in careers outside the home.

"I can't remember ever thinking of doing anything else," Halter said. "When I was growing up, there were not a lot of choices. For the most part, girls either became teachers, nurses or secretaries, and I never could type."

Halter admits that her nursing education was not as rigorous as what her daughters had to go through before earning the title of registered nurse. Microbiology and chemistry were the only two classes she remembers that were related to medicine. Most of the training was done hands-on during clinical hours on the hospital floors.

"Mary is a wonderful nurse," said Nancy Waggoner, nursing manager for the 8th floor where Halter works. "What's special about Mary is that she really focuses on her patients."

"She always has a smile and a positive attitude. That describes Mary to a 'T'."

Both Heinzelman and Morgan never

reached the clinical side of their training until the third year of nursing school. Still, they know now it was their calling to work in health care.

Heinzelman has been a nurse for 12 years, most recently moving from cardiac surgery care to educating other nurses in the field of critical care. The job is not glamorous, for sure, but she says there's nothing she would rather be doing.

"I find health care very interesting," she said. "The human body is amazing at how it responds to modern medical treatments. It's such a mystery and for the most part very rewarding."

Heinzelman and her husband, John, have two children and are active members of St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis, where her mother and father also worship. Morgan and her husband, Jeff, who was received into the Church last Easter, are newlyweds. Although living on the northwest side of town, they attend Mass at St. Jude also.

Morgan was not inclined to work in health care when she was deciding on career paths. She saw how much personal satisfaction nursing gave to her mother and sister, but she was more interested in helping people in other ways. She was moving toward a career in social work until one volunteer encounter at the hospital changed her mind. Morgan was 17 and helping a nurse change the bandages on a patient who was in a lot of pain.

"The only thing I remember is the caring part of what I saw," Morgan said. "The nurse was so careful, and she really cared about what the person was going through. I just wanted to be a part of that."

Morgan has been a nurse for three years now, primarily working on the surgical floor. She and her sister credit their mother with showing them how to be good nurses, but more importantly, good people.

"She very much has helped me appreciate what I have and not take things for granted," said Morgan. "Sometimes it's easy to get down in the dumps, but I try to keep her good attitude and make people feel good with a smile."

"Mom has always been a giving person, and so has Dad," added Heinzelman. "They've always been very active in our lives."

"Sometimes it's hard not to be selfish," Heinzelman said. "But Mom is a very unselfish person. She's always willing to share herself with others. I look at Mom as more than a person; she's a good friend of mine."

Halter and her husband John also have a son, Gary, who dabbled with the idea of going into medicine for a short time. He works in sales now, following more in his



It wasn't planned to have a family of nurses, but the daughters of Mary Halter (center) both followed in her career footsteps at St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove. Amy Morgan (left) has been a nurse there for three years and sister, Angie Heinzelman, for 12 years.

father's footsteps. All three children are graduates of Roncalli High School in Indianapolis.

Halter considers all of her children to be success stories. She hesitates to take credit for who they became, though, saying faith and God's love played a big role.

"They have a great father and have always been blessed with good friends and family," she said. "And with God, we've been blessed. Our family and all the good that has happened to us is a gift from God, and we are very grateful for that."

The nurses at St. Francis Hospital have also recognized the qualities that the three women embody as professionals and as friends. Every year, nurses from each floor

nominate their peers for "Nurse of the Year" in recognition of the nurse who has contributed generously of time and talent throughout the year.

Halter has received the award twice during her career (1986 and 1997). Heinzelman has received the award once, and Morgan was nominated for the award during her first year at the hospital.

Waggoner said that it's obvious to many of the nurses at St. Francis just how much of Halter can be seen in her daughters.

"She's a very beautiful lady," she said. "And she's conveyed that quite well to her daughters." †

(Sue Hetzler is director of communications for the archdiocese.)

Answering the call

"It must mean something if the question is there."

God planted the seed of Diane Lamb's vocation when she was nine, but it didn't flower for many years. She broke from the Church as a frustrated teenager and established life as a successful businesswoman. But her journey for spiritual satisfaction led her to prayer, faith and some familiar feelings.

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Editorial

Israel at age 50

Israel has been celebrating the 50th anniversary of its founding, an event that occurred when David Ben-Gurion declared the country's independence on May 14, 1948. The anniversary, though, was observed on April 30 because the Israelis are following the Hebrew calendar.

To their credit, as part of the observance, the Israelis showed on their television a controversial documentary about the darker side of their country's founding—the dispersion and sometimes massacre of the Palestinians who had been living on the land the Jews wanted. The slogan at the time was, "A land without people for a people without a land." It certainly was true that the Jews were a people without a land, but Palestine at the time had 650,000 Arabs living in it.

Today, though, the achievements of the Jews in Israel are hard to overemphasize. With the help of U.S. financial aid that increased from \$100 million in 1949 to an average of more than \$3 billion per year since 1985, Israel has become one of the most prosperous nations in the world as well as one of the most powerful militarily. Its gross domestic product exceeds \$70 billion, about \$14,000 per Israeli.

Its 5.7 million population is also almost as diverse as that of the United States. Its Jewish population started with the Ashkenazim (European Jews) but, after it became a state, it was flooded by Sephardim (non-European Jews). Today there are also Russian, Ethiopian, Middle Eastern and Northern African Jews. They are united by the revival of the ancient Hebrew language, thanks to the efforts of a Russian Jew who changed his name to Ben-Yehuda. Arabic is also an official language, spoken mainly by Arab citizens, and English and Russian are widely spoken. The literacy rate is 95 percent and life expectancy is 76 for men and 80 for women. These are impressive achievements.

Israel has also become basically a secular state. Perhaps this shouldn't be surprising since it was founded as a secular state and the Zionist movement that spurred its establishment was a secular movement. Religious Jews followed later. Today, religious observant Jews are a minority in Israel, and it is becoming

ever more common for young people to insist that they are Israelis, not Jews.

Even among religious Jews, Israel has been sharply divided, with Orthodox Jews—a majority of religious Jews in Israel but a minority among those living outside Israel—denying Conservative and Reform Jews the privileges the Orthodox enjoy.

The main questions in Israel, though, remain the same as they have for decades: What should be done with the 2 million Arabs who live either in Israel proper or in the territories Israel has occupied since 1967? Should Israel make the Arab residents citizens, thus giving up its Jewish character, or should the country continue to deny the Arabs citizenship, thus giving up its democratic character? Or should it permit the Arabs in the occupied territories to have their own state of Palestine, thus making Israel itself 81 percent Jewish?

One person who is sure of the answers is Shimon Peres, prime minister for a time and foreign minister in Yitzhak Rabin's Labor Party's government. He has said that "for Israel to remain a Jewish state and a moral state, we must have a Palestinian state."

There is a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian problem, and both sides know it. Naturally, like any compromise, it won't completely satisfy either side, but it's something that both sides can live with. It's a plan that the Labor Party would embrace if it were in power, but it's doubtful that present Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will agree to it since he can remain in office only as long as he satisfies Israeli extremists. The plan was negotiated by the Labor Party's Yossi Beilin and Yasser Arafat's deputy Abu Mazen before Yitzhak Rabin's assassination.

The plan calls for Israel to keep virtually all of its West Bank settlements, but for Palestinians to get most of the land. Israel would retain control over a united Jerusalem, but the Palestinians would have their own Jerusalem capital, called Al-Quds, just outside the city limits. Al-Quds was the Arab name for Jerusalem during the time it was in Arab hands.

We must pray for the day when a just peace will prevail in Israel and Palestine—the Holy Land.

— John F. Fink

Seeking the Face of the Lord

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B.



Our senior priests, religious are powerful pray-ers

Last Sunday, it was 34 years to the day that I was ordained a priest for Saint Meinrad Archabbey. I will never forget the happiness of that day!

I remember that besides praying gratefully for my mom and dad and brother and his family, I prayed for all the people with whom my ministry would be involved in the future. That has ended up being a lot more people than I ever thought! I also have a lot more people praying for me than I could ever imagine. "It is in giving that you receive." I sometimes wonder if I was called to be a bishop and thus have so many more people praying for me because God knew that, without all those prayers, I would have a tough time being saved. I think there is something to that.

Speaking of the power of prayer and one of the favorite aspects of my ministry, I want to write about a recent visit with the elderly and infirm Sisters of St. Francis at Oldenburg. I thoroughly enjoy visiting elderly religious and priests who have poured out their lives in service to God and our Church. I get to do it all too rarely. For whatever reason, some things don't get to my calendar in a timely manner. The occasion for the visit to Oldenburg was the groundbreaking for the St. Clare health care facility for the elderly and infirm sisters.

I visited all the sisters in the infirmary who are unable to get around on their own. What a joy, and yet also how emotionally draining it was to experience the humble and prayerful gratitude they told of their vocations. When I would ask those who were alert (most still are) what ministry they had enjoyed in their earlier lives, most spoke of teaching. When I asked if they enjoyed teaching, to a person they said they loved it and said they would do it all over again if they could. Some few had been cooks and housekeepers, and they expressed the same sentiments about being religious. These are sisters who have been professed in the consecrated life 50 to 75 years!

The edifying attitude of these religious women is typical of the attitude of all the other religious—women and men—in the archdiocese. I can't imagine the total number of years elderly religious women and men living in our archdiocese have given in dedicated, generous, hard service to

our Church. Many of us are the beneficiaries of their dedication. Some of our parents and grandparents were beneficiaries. These women and men were true channels of the faith and some of them were such in the most difficult of times and in the most difficult of circumstances.

Recently, I also had the pleasure to bless the new St. Paul Hermitage retirement apartments for the senior priests of our archdiocese. These are men who have literally spent their lives thus far in service to God and thousands of people all around the archdiocese. They are so grateful for the apartments and the proximity to nursing and health care. I am delighted for them and am pleased that at last we have been able to make provision for them in a manner that they truly deserve!

We can truly call these people "saints" because they have withstood the test of religious and priestly commitment through all those many years. They are beautiful witnesses to the possibility of keeping promises and of truly trying to become holy. And what impresses me is that in the evening—for some even the nighttime—of life, these religious sisters and brothers and priests do not ask for much. The sisters at Oldenburg, like those at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, like those at Our Lady of Grace Monastery, at our two Carmels and elsewhere are so gracious and pleased to receive visitors like me, but they don't demand my presence. Our priests are the same, and it embarrasses me that I can't get around to seeing them more often. I noticed in the Oldenburg infirmary and at St. Paul Hermitage that over and over again the sisters and priests expressed genuine gratitude to those who care for them. Taking care of the elderly and the infirm is a serious responsibility of our Church. And we owe so much gratitude to the people who are called to the ministry of health care.

Let's not for a minute think the ministry of the retired priests and religious is something of the past. Every one of the sisters I visited who was alert had a rosary in her hand. The breviary and the rosary of our retired priests are always nearby. Imagine the powerful prayer our senior religious and priests offer the archdiocese! No ministry is more important! †



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El domingo pasado marcó 34 años exactamente al día cuando fui ordenado como sacerdote para la Saint Meinrad Archabbey. ¡Nunca no olvidaré la felicidad de ese día!

Recuerdo que además de agradecerle orar por mi mamá, papá, hermano y su familia, oré por todas las personas con quienes trataré en el futuro en mi ministerio. ¡Ése ha acabado por ser muchas más personas que nunca me podría haber imaginado! También hay muchas más personas que oran por mí que yo nunca me podría imaginar. "Por dar recibimos". A veces me pregunto si yo verdaderamente fui llamado a ser obispo y así tengo muchas más personas que oran por mí porque Dios sabía que sin todas las oraciones, yo tendría un tiempo muy difícil de ser salvado. Creo que hay un poco de verdad aquí.

A propósito del poder de la oración el cual es uno de los aspectos favoritos de mi ministerio, quiero escribir acerca de una reciente visita con las hermanas mayores y débiles de Saint Francis en la ciudad de Oldenburg. Completamente disfruté visitar a los religiosos y sacerdotes mayores que han dedicado todas sus vidas en servicio a Dios y a nuestra Iglesia. Es muy raro que puedo hacerlo. Por alguna razón, no logro hacer todas las cosas que quiero hacer. La razón para mi visita a Oldenburg fue para la dedicación de las nuevas instalaciones del centro médico Saint Clare para las hermanas mayores y débiles.

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GET GOING AGAIN



Terre Haute Deanery

St. Joseph Terre Haute

Story and photos by Cynthia Dewes

Fast Fact:

Established in 1838, St. Joseph is the oldest parish in Terre Haute.

St. Joseph Parish serves community, college campuses in downtown Terre Haute

At St. Joseph Parish in Terre Haute the congregation is unique. That's because theirs is a blend of parishioners: the downtown parish, and students at nearby Indiana State University and Rose-Hulman Institute just outside the city.

Founded in 1838 as the first Catholic Church in Terre Haute, St. Joseph was given an extra mandate in the early 1980s as a university parish; later, the Newman Center on the ISU campus was sold.



Father Martin Day,
OFM Conv

Today Janet Mazzoni, the pastoral associate for students, divides her time between the ISU and Rose-Hulman campuses.

"We serve a lot of students!" she said. "I act as a liaison between them and the parish" by bringing their particular concerns to the attention of the parish council.

Mazzoni said she tries to incorporate students into the parish, to help them feel part of the parish family, through social events and other activities which combine the parish populations. She also tries to be available on both campuses during the week for events, counseling and just "hanging out."

"If I had to describe my job in one sentence, I'd say it was 'to promote spirituality and the work of God and the Good News of the Gospel' to the students," she said.

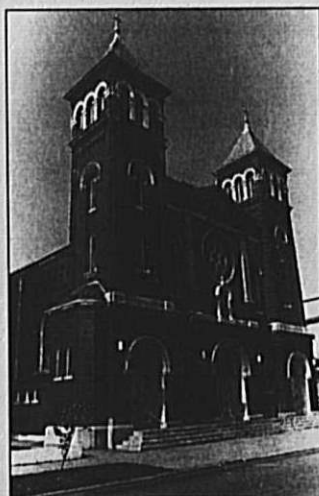
The parish recently held a workshop on "Parish-Based Campus Ministry," with integration as a major goal. "We treat the students as full-fledged members," said Franciscan Father Martin Day. "and we're working on

integrating them into the parish. They're nourished by parish life because this is still a full-service parish. The interaction of the two ministries is very fruitful for both."

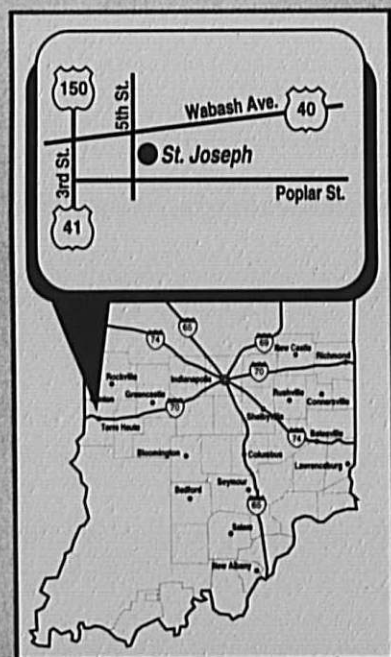
Father Martin has been pastor of St. Joseph since September, 1995 and was associate pastor and deacon there before that. Franciscan friars have served the parish since 1872. Next fall they plan to hold a parish mission on Franciscan identity and spirituality to celebrate their presence.

They also hope to restore the Third Order of Secular Franciscans. The Franciscans "bring a sense of community" to the parish which benefits its unity, Mazzoni said.

"St. Joseph's territory is not traditional," Father Martin said. In the beginning, parishioners were drawn from the downtown area and the number of families there supported a parish school. But with a decline in inner-city population, the school closed and parishioners are now drawn from a wider area.



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The new community park located on the south side of St. Joseph Parish.

Father Martin said parish outreach includes the downtown community as well as students at the campus. "We want to be open and welcoming, even if people don't join the church," he said.

For example, the parish recently renovated its underutilized south lawn to become a public park. Parishioner Beverly Christee was mainly responsible for the project "from the ground up" by soliciting funds and writing grants, Father Martin said, using some seed money from the parish.

St. Joseph is "a younger parish overall," he said. "The students act as a magnet for young people." The Sunday evening Mass aimed at students also brings in people from other parishes.

St. Joseph provides campus ministry at Rose-Hulman for a somewhat different college population than that of Indiana State, Father said, since there are no second-career students. Mass is celebrated at the institute on Saturday evenings by one of the resident priests. Whenever they can, they try to support the pastoral associate in other efforts for students.

The parish also ministers informally to students from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College. Students from all three colleges serve on the Student Executive Council

which is part of the parish council, and volunteer for service on the parish's annual Spring Mission Trip. This spring-break event provides various kinds of help for poor and needy people nationwide.

The parish sponsors Bible studies, and confirmation classes for those (usually students) who were not confirmed in high school. Its religious education program serves around 200 kids.

Donna McKenzie, the pastoral associate for adult formation, conducts the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process year around. The parish also "worked on trying to provide the deanery with

pre-Cana marriage preparation and ministry to the engaged," Father Martin said.

According to him, there is "a lot of parishioner participation" at St. Joseph. One look at the parish bulletin



Franciscan Father Martin Day consults with workers on the new park next to St. Joseph Parish.

bears this out, with almost 20 names attached to staff and ministries listed there.

"We try to make liturgy the center of our parish life," Father said. "We have fabulous music and an enlivening program" which make the liturgies dynamic. "People like to come to St. Joe's for whatever reason," he said with a smile. †

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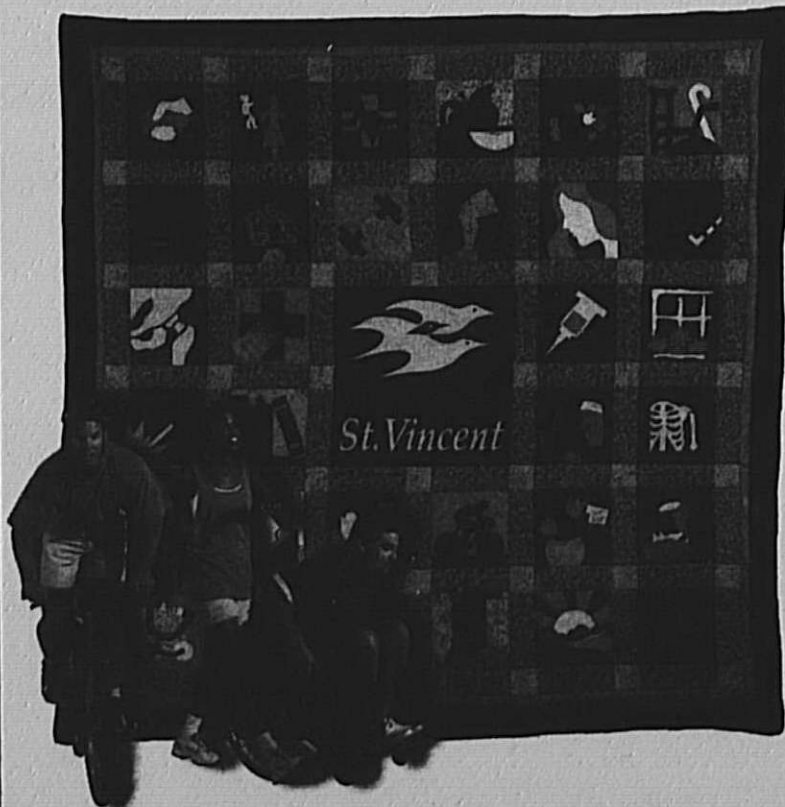


Maestro

Benjamin Del Vecchio directs the Catholic Choir of Indianapolis during The Journey II Concert on April 23 at St. Therese of the Little Flower Church in Indianapolis.

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Terre Haute parish benefits from adoration

By David Delaney
Special to The Criterion

TERRE HAUTE—St. Patrick Parish is the first Terre Haute parish to begin perpetual adoration.

"Every week three or four people tell me they are so thrilled with it," said Msgr. Larry Moran, St. Patrick's pastor. "I'm happy we started it."

Msgr. Moran said he thought about implementing perpetual adoration at the parish when he was in Rome. A priest he met told him that people appreciate the opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Patrick's pastor presented the idea to the parish council, and council members approved a plan to establish a perpetual adoration chapel.

Father William Peil, formerly in residence at St. Patrick, was familiar with the concept in Fort Wayne and discussed perpetual adoration at subsequent Masses.

"It's a movement across the country," said Cel Lundstrom, coordinator of the program. "They're [perpetual adoration

chapels] popping up all over the nation."

Nearly 300 parishioners surveyed about interest in the chapel were supportive of the plan.

Parishioners chose a small building behind the church, made of Indiana limestone, for the chapel. The altar was donated, as were the paint, carpeting, sidewalk, a table and chairs and labor.

Adoration began eight months ago, after the chapel was blessed during Benediction.

"The enthusiasm of the people is hard to describe," said Lundstrom. "It [perpetual adoration] adds a lot to your life. There's a real increase in joy. It's a tremendous blessing God has given our parish."

Those participating in the program say a number of people from other Terre Haute Deanery parishes travel to St. Patrick's chapel to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

"Very few have missed their hours," Lundstrom said, and many area Catholics come to pray without scheduling a time. †

(David Delaney is a correspondent for The Criterion.)



Expert help

Smokey the Bear and Indiana State Forester Burnell C. Fischer, director of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, help St. Roch Preschool student Doug Thacker of Indianapolis plant a tree for Arbor Day on May 2 at Calvary Cemetery in Indianapolis. Doug won a poster contest with his drawing of a tree with a smiling face. St. Roch fifth-grader Erin Weisenbach of Indianapolis won the Arbor Day poetry contest.

Swiss Guard commander, wife slain in Vatican apartment

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—In what the Vatican called a crime of "momentary insanity," the new commander of the Swiss Guard and his wife were shot to death in their Vatican apartment, apparently

by a disgruntled guard member who then killed himself.

Vatican officials discovered the bodies of all three late on May 4 after a neighbor reported loud noises. The Vatican immediately ordered

autopsies and, after an initial investigation, said it was treating the case as a double murder and suicide.

Slain were Alois Estermann, 43, and Gladys Meza Romero, 47, his Venezuelan wife of 14 years, who lived in an apartment just below the pope's own residential building. Estermann had been appointed commander of the Swiss Guard only hours earlier by Pope John Paul II.

Estermann, an 18-year-veteran of the Swiss Guard, accompanied Pope John Paul on more than 30 of his foreign trips. When the pope was shot in St. Peter's Square in 1981, Estermann was at his side, trying to protect the pontiff.

Investigators discovered the body of Cedric Tornay, a 23-year-old member of the elite papal corps, near the other victims in a receiving room of the Estermann home. The Vatican said the only weapon found was Tornay's standard-issue, 9-caliber pistol. The gun lay under Tornay's body, and five shots appeared to have been fired from it.

"The most likely hypothesis — much more than a hypothesis at this point—is that of momentary insanity in a person with deep feelings that he was unappreciated in the corps," said Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls.

He said Tornay was resentful at having been rebuked by Estermann more than once, including a formal reprimand in February for staying out all night, and was also disappointed at being passed over for a promotion.

Navarro-Valls said the Vatican was conducting its investigation without the assistance of Italian judicial authorities, but he noted that, if needed, such assistance could be requested.

Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Vatican secretary of state, was to celebrate a funeral Mass in St. Peter's Basilica May 6. The Vatican did not specify whether the liturgy would be held for the Estermanns alone.

It was the first murder inside the Vatican in more than 150 years. The pope was awakened and informed of the tragedy, and immediately went to pray in his private chapel. †



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Businessman answers call to St. Elizabeth's

By Susan Etter

NEW ALBANY—It's been almost two years since Keith Stormes answered the call.

He had spent the previous 17 years of his life as plant manager for a paint company in Louisville and in Houston, Texas. Although the paychecks were good and the position was secure, "I just got pretty tired of the corporate world," said Stormes, the executive director of St. Elizabeth's Regional Maternity Center in New Albany.

"I really didn't know where [that call] was, so I kept ignoring it for as long as I could," he said.

The calling persisted. But Stormes said God kept giving him signs and signals that he ought to be somewhere else.

So, in February of 1996, Stormes, 48, decided that if God wanted him somewhere else, he could find that somewhere for him.

A husband and father of two, Stormes left his job without one job lead. From February through June of that same year, he sought

employment. Each time he thought he would get an offer, the doors would close.

"I really couldn't understand what was going on, but looking back it was pretty obvious I was supposed to be here," Stormes said.

In late June of 1996, Stormes, a member of Sacred Heart Parish in Jeffersonville, was appointed the executive director of St. Elizabeth's Regional Maternity Center.

Does Stormes believe this was his call?

"I do. I am convinced God is not done with me, but if this is my final stop that's fine—I think this is what I was supposed to be doing," Stormes said.

Thomas N. Gaybrick, the archdiocesan secretary for Catholic Charities and Family Ministries, said St. Elizabeth's mission has benefited tremendously from Stormes' strong business background.

Stormes guesses he wasn't prepared for the emotional roller coaster that comes with a crisis pregnancy center and the women it serves.

"Every one of them has a story that will just tear your heart out," he said.

Although Stormes said the problems that are facing St. Elizabeth's clients have been around since the beginning of time, he just wasn't prepared for the reality.

But his new position brought blessings.

"I feel like I can go home at the end of the day, and maybe, I have actually made a difference in someone's life," he said.

Times of distress

St. Elizabeth's is an archdiocesan agency of Catholic Social Services committed to serving pregnant adolescents and other women experiencing unplanned pregnancies, and their infants and families. It does this through residential and outreach services as well as aftercare and adoption services.

Since its opening in 1989, St. Elizabeth's has served women and family members through residential and outreach programs in seven states, 21 Indiana counties, 16 Kentucky counties, and three Ohio counties. It has also served more than 250 births, 60 adoptions, 400 outreach mothers and 3,000 women and family members.

In 1996, St. Elizabeth's Southern Indiana became known as St. Elizabeth's Regional Maternity Center. The name change reflects the services provided by the organization.

The original St. Elizabeth's Home, donated by St. Mary Parish in New Albany, is a 10-bed maternity home. In May of 1996, the Transitional Housing Facility opened to help the young women get back on their feet. The facility houses up to seven mothers and infants in mini-apartments. The mothers and infants can live in these residences up to two years. During this time the women can work toward their high school diplomas, GED, vocational or college degree. The residents must also earn items they need through a point system that teaches them real living skills.

The Bible study program

Many of the programs were already implemented at St. Elizabeth's prior to Stormes' arrival two years ago. Those programs have stayed intact. However, a particular program Stormes brought to the organization is the Bible Study Program.

Every Monday evening a Christian couple facilitates Bible study with the young women. Seven couples come once every seven weeks.

"An ulterior motive is that the residents get exposed to a happily married Christian couple," Stormes said.

Other programs cover everything from changing diapers and nutrition to balancing a checkbook.

The Success

Stormes said 85 to 90 percent of the young women who come to St. Elizabeth's are eligible for welfare and food stamps. However, of that 85 percent who come through the

program and graduate, 77 percent have since worked their way off any form of government assistance and are making it on their own.

"We are really proud of that. It's kind of a payback to society. That is not what we are here for, but it's definitely a nice side benefit," Stormes said.

Gaybrick said St. Elizabeth's brings to the surrounding community, as well as the greater community, an option for those who may not have another place to turn.

"I think it is an alternative for some who may not have any viable alternatives for life," Gaybrick said.

Stormes attributes St. Elizabeth's success to the staff, the support of the surrounding community and to the countless number of volunteers.

More "visibility" in the community is a continuing goal for St. Elizabeth's.

Stormes believes that St. Elizabeth's is doing God's work and that the organization helps as many people as possible.

"We obviously can't be all things to all people, but if we can help at least one, we feel like we have accomplished something," he said. †

(To become a volunteer at St. Elizabeth's Regional Maternity Center in New Albany or to make a donation call 812-949-7305.)



Keith Stormes



Red Mass

At the April 29 Red Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis, judges, lawyers and law enforcement officials of all faiths pray together. The annual event is sponsored by the St. Thomas More Society and the archdiocese. Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein presided, with Msgr. Frederick Easton and Father Glenn O'Connor concelebrating.

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Antoinette Mensah (from left) and Teresa Mardenborough join in song as Mensah's son, Anthony Mensah, looks on at the Mass for the National Black Catholic Congress regional meeting at Holy Trinity Church on May 3.

Dr. Hilbert Stanley is director of the National Black Catholic Congress in Baltimore, Maryland.

National Black Catholic Congress meets in Indianapolis

By Margaret Nelson

Holy Trinity Church seemed to live out John's vision of the second reading Sunday as hundreds of black Catholics from far and near joined those parishioners with Slovenian and other backgrounds. The smiles indicated it was an enjoyable experience for all.

The National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) Midwest regional meeting was held in Indianapolis May 1-3. Two busloads of delegates from throughout the Midwest attended the May 3 Mass at Holy Trinity.

During the same Mass and at breakfast afterwards, the American Slovenian Catholic Union, St. Aloysius # 52—with many parishioners as members—celebrated its 98th anniversary in the city.

Father Kenneth Taylor is the pastor of Holy Trinity and the director of the archdiocesan Office of Multicultural Ministry. In his homily, he noted the similarity of the assembly there with the message from Revelation. He said that bringing the people of every nation and tongue to God is what the Scripture

had in mind.

"Getting there is not easy. We need to rely on the Holy Spirit to get us there," said Father Taylor. "Division and separation are not of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is about unity."

The NBCC regional meetings were designed to assess and discuss diocesan and parish activities conducted since the Black Catholic Congress VIII, which was held last fall in Washington, D.C.

Benedictine Father Cyprian Davis of Saint Meinrad Archabbey spoke to the group, as did Father Taylor and Divine Word Father Anthony Clark, pastor of St. Rita Parish in Indianapolis.

The 80 who attended shared programs they had initiated in their parishes and dioceses, including visuals.

Delegates to the regional meeting were asked to bring ideas of contemplated future activities so that they could develop planning guides for diocesan and parish activities that will be completed before the next congress.

During the conference, national staff members announced that the public can "tour" the Our Mother of Africa Chapel at the Washington, D.C. National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the Internet by accessing www.nationalshrine.org.

The Indianapolis Archdiocese has scheduled a day of reflection for Indiana black Catholics at the Catholic Center on Sept. 26, 1998. A new archdiocesan Gospel Choir has been formed to add music to the liturgies. †

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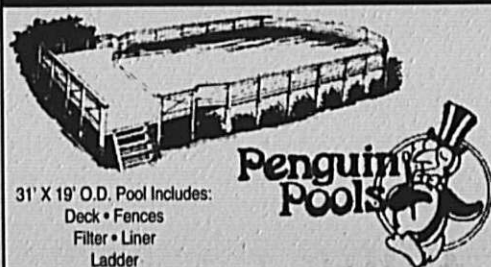
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Parishes need to invite youth to get involved

By Fr. Herb Weber

When a group representing the parishes of our diocese gathers for a meeting, someone almost always will say that the youth of the Church need more attention.

Sometimes this is stated in a frantic way. Other times the call has a touch of evangelization. And then there are those adults who simply ask, "Where are our young people?"

The irony is that these endless concerns continue in spite of successful diocesan youth ministries and many active parish youth programs. Somehow the concern to incorporate younger parishioners into the parish fabric always is around.

In days gone by, naming a vibrant young associate pastor to work with teenagers may have been sufficient. But for many reasons, including the diminished number of young priests available for such ministry, that time is more or less gone—although there are still priests who appeal to young people or who have the welfare of youth close to their own hearts and regularly spend time with teen-agers.

What is needed today for a youth-friendly parish is a two-pronged approach. At first glance, the two

"prongs" may seem like opposites. However, they wholly complement each other.

First, adult parishioners must find ways to include youth and take them seriously.

Second, adult parishioners need to allow teen-agers to speak their own language.

At one parish, high school students are involved in all the ministries for one of its regular Masses, which is not billed as a "youth" Mass.

The teens work with the music leader in preparing and leading the music. They also serve as lectors and ushers. Their role is to serve the entire community.

At another parish, high school-age youth and younger children are regularly incorporated into the music of the liturgy. One youngster, an oboe virtuoso at the age of 12, frequently contributes his talents to the liturgical celebration.

In both cases, the parishes have made attempts to include, accept and incorporate the youth into regular and normal activities of the parish. Liturgy is a great place to start, but there should be more.

Parishes that have tried to include youth on their pastoral councils have had limited success. Teen-agers may feel distinctly out-of-place with groups of adults,



A two-pronged approach is needed today for a youth-friendly parish. First, parishioners must find ways to include youth and take them seriously. Second, parishioners need to allow young people to speak their own language. The parish that is successful in welcoming young people has adults who can navigate a conversation with an adolescent in a way that lets the teen-ager know that he or she is recognized and cared about.

'Youth-friendly' parish affirms teen-agers' gifts

By David Gibson

The term "youth-friendly communities" appeared in *Renewing the Vision*, a framework for Catholic youth ministry issued last summer by the U.S. bishops and based on an earlier youth ministry statement published in 1976.

"If parishes are to be worthy of the loyalty and active participation of youth, they will need to become 'youth-friendly' communities," the bishops said.

In a youth-friendly parish, the young people's presence is "conspicuous," the bishops explained. These communities "value young people—welcoming them into their midst; listening to them; responding to their needs; supporting them with prayer, time, facilities and money."

Young people are viewed as resources in a youth-friendly parish, the bishops added.

Teen-agers' gifts and talents are recognized, encouraged and empowered, and they are given meaningful roles in parish leadership and ministry on a regular basis.

"Opportunities for intergenerational relationships" also are provided in youth-friendly parishes, the bishops said. These are relationships with adults "who serve as role models and mentors."

The bishops emphasized that "ministry with adolescents recognizes the importance of the intergenerational faith community in sharing faith and promoting healthy growth in adolescents."

And, they said, ministry with youth can identify and develop leadership opportunities in the parish for young people as well as create intergenerational support networks and mentoring relationships. †

(David Gibson edits Faith Alive!)

especially in a meeting-type setting, and they often maintain busy school and work schedules.

Task groups and work teams are better settings for placing youth and adults side by side in Church ministries.

Nevertheless, when youth are part of any parish team, they have to be respected and taken seriously. The risk that an adult group takes in inviting young people is that the youths may present them with challenging ideas, ideas that the older members may not want to hear.

However, if youth are not taken seriously, no one should be surprised when they don't return.

As our parish gears up for the RENEW 2000 program this fall, we have tried to pay special attention to youth. By far the best way to have young people as part of some of the program's small groups is to have them involved in some of the planning and organizing.

Telling young people what they will want and like doesn't work.

That leads to the second quality of a youth-friendly parish: It gives young people enough room to express themselves.

Our teen group inspired me during Holy Week when they did a contemporary presentation of the Stations of the Cross.

Using popular music and their own understanding of Jesus' journey to Calvary, they found the Christian message taking root in their own personal expressions.

I was especially happy to see some

adults other than their parents attend the liturgies to pray with them.

Adult parishioners spend an incredible amount of time trying to get teens to join them or conform to their perspectives. Sometimes, however, adults need to listen to teens.

And when teens don't pray in the same style as adults, the older generation needs to realize that this is precisely part of being a teen-ager.

One successful youth program involves the LifeTeen Mass concept adopted by many parishes. These are special liturgies, pretty much limited to young people, that are followed by discussions, presentations and socializing. Perhaps they are so successful because they are not mainstream.

Held at times separate from the normal Sunday Mass schedule, and speaking the language of youth, these liturgies are experiences of Church that appeal to young people.

The same thing is true for TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) or other youth retreat movements. Their appeal is that they allow youth to discover their faith in their own way.

If a parish is to be youth-friendly, adult parishioners need to admit that youth is a time for new ideas and new views that must be respected.

In accepting young people, they have to be valued as the treasures they are. †

(Father Herb Weber is pastor of St. Peter Parish in Mansfield, Ohio.)

Discussion Point

Service projects interest youth

This Week's Question

What event involving both youths and adults in your parish worked especially well?

"The kids and the parents work side by side in a shelter for the homeless in downtown Pittsburgh." (Sister Mary Francine Horos, C.S.S.F., Coraopolis, Pa.)

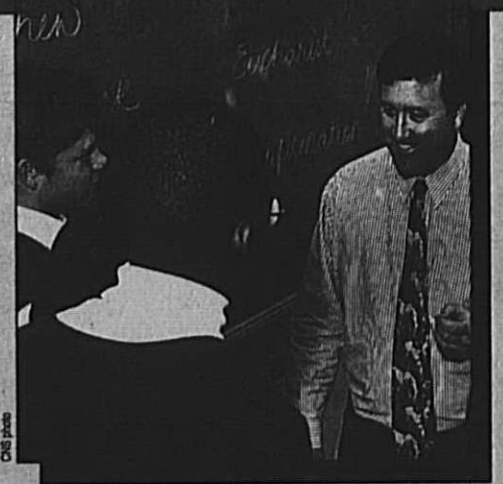
"During Lent we do living Stations of the Cross. We have the traditional version, a social justice approach and a version for children. For example, in the social justice version, we have a mother holding her son dying of AIDS. Over 300 students are involved, and parents help with transportation and costuming." (Carol Troy, Utica, N.Y.)

"We have a youth ministry program where the youth and adults visit the nursing homes in the area. Pet Therapy Day is a big hit where the kids take their pets to the nursing home and share them with the residents. We also have a Young at Heart program, a monthly luncheon and Mass for the elderly, where the eighth-graders serve the luncheon and put on skits and plays. Both the youth and the elderly seem to enjoy themselves." (Father Mark Lamprich, M.I.C., Greensboro, N.C.)

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Perspectives

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Mary's apparitions to individuals are numerous

This week, I continue my May columns about Marian apparitions.



First, let me repeat what I said last week, that Catholics do not have to believe in private revelations. Only occasionally does the Church make a statement either approving or disapproving alleged apparitions, leaving most such claims up to the discernment of individual Catholics.

This week I plan to write briefly about some of Mary's appearances earlier in the Church's history. Next week I'll write about some that allegedly took place this century. The following week I'll write about claims made by people in the United States. And finally I'll write about the apparitions' messages and draw some conclusions.

St. John Damascene (675-749) succeeded his father in a high government office in Damascus. However, he antagonized the Muslim caliph there. The caliph ordered that his right hand be cut off. John endured great pain in the stump of his arm, but prayed that he would be restored to health. Mary appeared to him in a dream and told him that his hand was whole again and for him to write. When he awoke, his hand was restored. John moved to Jerusalem and lived the rest of his life in the monastery of St. Sabas, writing and preaching. His writings earned him the title of one of the doctors of the Church, so proclaimed in 1890.

Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock on July 16, 1251, at Cambridge, England, and told him that those who wore the scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and who honored Mary under that name would be the beneficiaries of her special intercession.

St. Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556) had a conversion experience while he was recuperating from surgery to repair a leg injured by a canon blast. As part of his conversion, he developed a great devotion to Mary. One night, he said in his autobiography, he clearly saw the Blessed Mother and the Child Jesus in a vision. The vision changed his life. He traveled to the abbey at Montserrat where he spent a night before the altar of Our Lady of Montserrat and then devoted the rest of his life to Mary and her Son.

St. Teresa of Jesus (1515-1582), one of the three women doctors of the Church, wrote extensively on spiritual and mystical subjects. She was privileged to experience apparitions not only of Mary but also of an angel and St. Joseph. During one of her visions she was shown the glories and splendor of Mary's assumption.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) is best known for her visions of Jesus, who asked her to spread devotion to his Sacred Heart. But she also had appearances from Mary. She also received a vision of Mary's assumption.

The appearances of Mary to Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill outside Mexico City, Mexico, are well known. I've written several times about Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Numerous other saints also claimed to experience Marian apparitions. †

A View from the Center/Dan Conway

Good stewardship means making gifts of substance

The third major theme of Journey of Hope 2001 is "stewardship." As defined by the American bishops in their pastoral letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, stewardship involves a total commitment to self-giving. This is why it's related to the two other Journey of Hope themes: spiritual renewal and evangelization.



In faith, the good steward makes a decision to follow Jesus regardless of the cost. This requires the kind of self-giving that is normally found among saints and martyrs. However, for most of us, it means trying to be thankful or generous or responsible in our daily affairs. And it means developing our talents and sharing them with others.

We normally hear about stewardship in connection with a Church fund drive, so its natural that we associate it with money. But even if our parishes, schools and diocesan ministries were completely funded, stewardship education would still be a crying need in this archdiocese (and in every diocese in North America). All of us need the Church's guidance to learn how to be disciples of Jesus in an affluent society. Stewardship does not come naturally to people who are surrounded by the images and values of a consumer culture. It must be learned. And the Church's responsibility is to teach the joy of giving in all aspects of daily life.

At the same time, someone has to pay the Church's bills. Normally that means passing

the collection basket. But merely passing the basket isn't enough any more. Too much money is needed now just to operate a parish, school or Catholic Charities agency (let alone meet their long-range capital and endowment needs). Today, we must ask Catholics to make "substantive gifts" of time, talent and treasure.

A gift of substance can be any size—from the widow's mite to a million dollar donation if it is planned, proportionate and sacrificial. A gift of substance is a faith response; but it is also planned in advance as a conscious expression of good stewardship. A gift of substance represents a choice: to give back to God a proportionate share of His many blessings—time, talent and money. And a gift of substance is sacrificial. It comes from "the first fruits" not from whatever is leftover after other bills have been paid.

To convince Catholics to make substantive gifts, the Church must teach the joy of giving. But it also has to be clear about why the funds are needed and how they will be used. Finally, the Church must be positive, confident and hopeful in its vision of the future—especially as we move into the new millennium.

In the parables of Jesus, the good steward is the one who takes the owner's property and makes it grow. In a capital campaign like Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation, we have an excellent opportunity to show Catholics in central and southern Indiana that gifts of substance to the parish and the archdiocese truly are good stewardship! †

(Dan Conway is a consultant to the archdiocese for the Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation campaign.)

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

Have a nice Mom's Day

Holidays such as Mother's Day always bring out the warm fuzzies in us. We're sentimental about getting together with the grannies and grandpas and aunts and uncles and cozzies.

Selective memory records these events and is then drawn upon to impress colleagues, friends and anyone who asks. Oh yes, we say with that syrupy look, we had a lovely family day. We ate all the family specialties and told all the funny family stories and felt so cozy surrounded by family.

It may sound kind of sickening, but usually it's great.

The truth is we love family, both together and individually. But being in their presence doesn't end up sweetly every time. It's kind of like how Aunt Tillie's trademark apple pie is delicious most of the time and a real disaster once in a while.

Take the time our grown-up kids were here during the summer. They'd arranged a rare occasion when all could visit with their siblings and families. Sounds like one of those warm fuzzies, ya?

There were about a dozen people present for all meals for two or three weeks, with frequent extra drop-ins. The assemblage included two large dogs who were friendly and well-trained but who nevertheless terrorized our cats.

Mom was keeping her cool, a feat for which her grown kids were grateful. They remembered the bad old days when spilled

milk or loud rock-and-roll could produce substantial yelling and other recrimination, much to the amusement and/or horror of the neighbors. So when Mom finally reached her limit on this occasion it was not unexpected, at least by blood relations.

The cats were living temporarily in the master bedroom with their food kept on the bathroom floor. They went in and out of the house from the bedroom, thus avoiding the dogs. All parties had been instructed not to open the bedroom door.

One day, in the flush of summer chasing around, someone left the door open and one of the dogs romped into the room. The cats dove under the bed, hissing epithets. Fortunately, the dog was distracted by the smell of food and began snarling up "9-Lives" in the bathroom.

Enter Mom. Screeching as though she'd never forgotten how, she drove the astonished dog out of the room and slammed the door behind him. Then she burst into tears, let the cats outside and had herself a long, hot shower.

When she opened her door later, smiling and refreshed, a hush had fallen over the house. The dogs were lurking on the front porch, kids were peeking from the corners to which they'd been sent, and their parents were looking furtive. Grandpa was hiding in his model train room.

But when they recognized the familiar signs that the storm had passed, the family resumed their cheerful mayhem with Mom a full participant.

Thus, on Mother's Day, we aim once more for the warm fuzzies. They may or may not happen, but when they do they're the best. In any case, it's worth a try. †

Stories, Good News, Fire/Fr. Joe Folzenlogen, S.J.

May 30 March for Jesus honors Christ worldwide

On Saturday, May 30, Christians all over the world will be taking to the streets of their cities to engage in an ecumenical prayer experience dedicated solely to praising Jesus.

Archdiocesan parishioners will have seven places where they can participate in a march: Batesville, Evansville, Indianapolis, Lawrenceburg, New Albany, Seymour, and Scottsburg.

Back in February, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein sent a letter to all pastors and parish life coordinators encouraging them to call this prayer opportunity to the attention of their parishes and to invite their people to take part. In his introduction he noted that our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, has urged us to join with other Christians in prayer and celebration as we approach the new millennium.

Although there are some local variations, the basic pattern of the march is similar. People gather at a designated place, pray briefly, walk the march route while singing songs specially composed for the event, and wind up at a spot for a closing prayer service.

Since I serve on the steering committee for the Indianapolis area march, I am most familiar with that and can use it as an example. The group will gather starting at 9 a.m. at Military Park at New York and West streets. People will be arranged in groups small enough to hear the music from the sound trucks, and the march will step off at 10 a.m.

The marchers will head east on New York Street, turn south on Capitol, turn west on Washington, and then turn north on West Street back to Military Park. The prayer service will last 30 to 35 minutes.

I do have the start times and locations for the other six cities, and you can obtain them by calling me 317-236-1489 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1489. There is also a web site. Thanks to the translation work of Percy Consiglieri, a Spanish version of the web site is also available.

Individual denominations and churches do not identify themselves during the march. All banners, signs, posters, T-shirts, etc. proclaim Jesus. Many people prefer to make their own, but others find it simpler to purchase some of the national March for Jesus office products ahead of time. This is done through the local coordinator. Several of these resources are in both English and Spanish.

All you really need to do is get there, walk, sing and pray. But any event like this takes work. If you would also be willing to help, we have a number of volunteer opportunities.

This will be my third March for Jesus, and I look forward to another public prayer experience that is filled with the joy and energy of Christ's spirit. I want to add my own personal encouragement to join in. Tell your friends about it and help arrange a group to come together. The march is a real celebration. It is a fun way of showing our cities how much Jesus means to us and what difference he has made in our lives. Be there and bring friends. †

(Jesuit Father Joe Folzenlogen is evangelization coordinator for the archdiocese.)

Fifth Sunday of Easter/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, May 10, 1998

- Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27
- Revelation 21:1-5a
- John 13:31-33a, 34-35



The Acts of the Apostles supply this weekend's first reading. Actually, all the Sundays of Easter-time present a passage from Acts as the first reading.

This book, attributed to the same author as that of St. Luke's Gospel, is highly descriptive of the life of the infant Church in the years following the Ascension of Jesus, and of the missionary endeavors undertaken by Peter and then, to an even greater extent, by Paul.

This week's lesson mentions a missionary trip by Paul and Barnabas. In this story, these two intrepid early Christian evangelizers moved to several major cities in the Roman Empire, through an area now chiefly in Turkey and the Middle East, to further the Kingdom of God.

Despite hardships and reversals, they kept clearly before them their purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus.

In each of the communities they visited, they established structures. According to this text, in each place they appointed elders, predecessors of the bishops and priests of today.

They reassured these pioneer Christians, and they called upon the members of these first local churches to pray and to fast.

The second reading is from the Book of Revelation, or the Apocalypse, as the book often is called in older biblical translations.

For the first Christians, as also for Christians in our own time, the Resurrection represented the most singular event in human history. No other person, by personal authority or otherwise, ever has risen from the dead.

The Resurrection thus set in place a new and revolutionary age.

With great symbolism and eloquence, the Book of Revelation speaks of a new time, a new place, a world completely transformed by Christ, but by no means free from conflict.

Even in the glorious realm foreseen by Revelation, enemies gather against the Lord. It will be, and is, to no avail. The Risen Savior will triumph.

In this reading, the victorious Lord sees all things, indeed life itself, as new.

St. John's Gospel majestically establishes the divine identity of the Redeemer.

He is the Son of God glorified, possessing the very nature of God. Typical of John's Gospel, this passage is a dramatic and compelling affirmation of the Lord.

The reading also presents a most important, and indeed challenging, lesson. In the reading, Jesus calls upon disciples to "love one another."

A great gift of John's Gospel is its lovely and most appealing call to love God

Daily Readings

Monday, May 11
Acts 14:5-18
Psalm 115:1-4, 15-16
John 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 12
Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs
Pancras, martyr
Acts 14:19-28
Psalm 145:10-13, 21
John 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 13
Acts 15:1-6
Psalm 122:1-5
John 15:1-8

Thursday, May 14
Matthias, apostle
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
Psalm 113:1-8
John 15:9-17

Friday, May 15
Isidore the Farmer, married man
Acts 15:22-31
Psalm 57:8-12
John 15:12-17

Saturday, May 16
Acts 16:1-10
Psalm 100:1-2, 3-5
John 15:18-21

Sunday, May 17
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
John 14:23-29

My Journey to God

'Here I Am, Lord'

"Why in God's name am I doing this?" I wondered as I buckled my seat belt in preparation for an April 14 flight to El Salvador and a two-day Food For the Poor pilgrimage.

"And why can't I stop thinking about how 'fools rush in where angels fear to tread?'" I asked myself.

High above the Caribbean Sea, I acknowledged in prayer that this leap of faith which prompted me to journey to Central America for a media tour of

Salvadoran slums probably wasn't the wisest decision I've ever made in my life.

After all, I reasoned, I only know a handful of Spanish words and usually mispronounce most of them. So why didn't I postpone this trip until I could at least complete a course in conversational Spanish?

Well, even if it wasn't the wisest decision I've ever made, I decided that it was definitely the most selfless.

I thought about the refrain of Dan Schutte's song *Here I Am, Lord*: "I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart."

That's exactly what I will do, I decided. I will focus on the people, smile a lot, and not worry about language problems.

Fortunately, or providentially, Jaime Flores, a Salvadoran who is a staff writer for *El Mexicano* in Fort Wayne, Ind., and Miguel Castro, a Colombian representing *La Voz de Colorado* in Denver, Colo., helped me talk with the

wonderful people I met in San Salvador.

I will never forget the gracious grandmas, who were so happy we came to share the difficulties of their lives through stories and pictures, and the beautiful children, who melted my heart over and over again with their hugs and laughter in the midst of abject poverty.

I thanked God for this incredible opportunity to grow in faith as I prayed in the hospital chapel where Archbishop Oscar Romero was killed in 1980

because he courageously spoke against human rights abuses.

At San Antonio de Abad Parish in San Salvador, I blinked back tears as Jesuit Father Michael Campbell-Johnston, the pastor, retold the story of how Salvadoran soldiers broke down the parish gate with a tank in 1979, then shot a

Jesuit priest and four young men attending a Cursillo retreat.

And I marveled at how the site of that tragedy has been transformed from a place of violence into a sacred space again.

With help from Food For The Poor, "Father C-J" operates a retreat house there, as well as a clinic, computer workshop, sewing program, literacy program and outreach ministry for youth involved in gangs—enduring examples of faith, hope, love and charity.

Suddenly I realized why, in God's name, I was doing this.

By Mary Ann Wyand

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Photo by Mary Ann Wyand

and to love others as all are of God.

Challenging is the Gospel's frank statement that Christians will be recognized by others because of their love for all.

Reflection

The Church, still excited and enthusiastically joyful in its realization that Jesus lives, repeats the reality of Christ this week in the readings.

The Church reminds us that Christ still is with us. He remains with us in the apostles, whose successors teach us and invite us to the Lord's table yet today.

This weekend's second reading is mov-

ing and descriptive. The victory of Jesus over death changes everything. Life is no longer the same.

For those who follow the Lord, the change in human attitude and instinct is total. No longer can they be driven by self-interest; rather only love must guide them.

The Church has long since moved from simply an historic account of the Resurrection to teaching us its fundamental lesson.

The Lord lives! He is with us in the Church. The Church, the living Mystical Body of Christ, is a gift of God's love. In return, we must love as God loves. †

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

The Holy Spirit helps the faithful avoid sin

I have a question that has plagued the minds of Christians for centuries. The sin of "blasphemy against the Holy Spirit," spoken of in the synoptic Gospels:

What is it? According to the Gospels it is the only sin that will never be forgiven. Is there such a sin? If so, what is it? (Delaware)



A I'm not sure how many minds have been plagued by the question or how many people have lain awake at night wondering about it. It is more than a little interesting, however.

Mark (3:29), Matthew (12:31) and Luke (12:10) all speak of a sin, or blasphemy, against the Holy Spirit. Matthew adds that the sin shall not be forgiven either in this world or the next.

The most obvious explanation comes from the context in Matthew. Jesus, with the power of the Holy Spirit, has just cured a blind and mute man. Pharisees nearby claim the cure happened by the power of a devil.

Jesus responds with the words we're discussing. To attribute to the devil an action done by God's power is, he seems clearly to say, a sin, a mockery, of the Spirit of God.

Many Christian commentators have tried to delve further into the subject.

St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Augustine, for example, believe that Jesus meant the sin of final unrepentance, a refusal to repent of one's seriously sinful rejection of God even at the moment of death.

This probably remains the most common view, since it is total, final rejection of all helps the Holy Spirit offers to turn away from evil and toward God.

Another way of saying the same thing is that anyone who consciously and maliciously refuses the help offered by the Holy Spirit to keep us from sin in the first place sins against the Spirit.

Many helps of the Spirit, says St. Thomas, are available in our lives to help us avoid sin.

The gift of hope keeps us from despair, the gift of fear of the Lord keeps us from presuming in the wrong way on God's mercy and love, and so on.

All these gifts, according to Thomas, are effects of the presence of the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. When we refuse to hope, when we refuse to acknowledge the majesty and power of God in our lives, we in effect tell the Spirit we don't need him.

Repentance can be impossible, since in that frame of mind there cannot be enough humility for us even to admit we have sinned, that we need repentance at all.

Whatever these Gospel passages may mean, there is finally one all-essential truth to remember. If we have sinned, our merciful and loving Father is always there with open arms, ready to receive us back.

And the Holy Spirit is always present, ready to help us go there. †

(A free brochure, in English or Spanish, answering questions Catholics ask about baptism practices and sponsors is available by sending a stamped and self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 325, Peoria, Ill. 61651. Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address.)

News briefs

U.S.

Bishop holds healing service for victims of sex abuse priest

PORTLAND, Maine (CNS)—At an April 20 service of healing and reconciliation, Bishop Joseph J. Gerry of Portland took what he called "a single small step" toward public reparation for damage done by priests who sexually abused minors in the diocese. The service at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland drew about 200 clergy, religious and lay people, including a woman who spoke publicly about the harm done to her decades earlier by a young priest who sexually abused her. The service came a week after Bishop Gerry issued a letter of apology for the sexual abuse of minors by some priests. The letter, published in the *Church World* diocesan newspaper, had been required by a settlement agreement with a victim who said he was one of several men abused by a Portland priest when they were boys. Although the letter had been legally required, the healing service was not.

Mass celebrates 100 years of Josephites in Louisiana

LAFAYETTE, La. (CNS)—Catholics from Louisiana and the Gulf Coast, as well as the East and West coasts, joined in a special April Mass marking the 100th anniversary of the Josephite order's presence in Louisiana. "We celebrate a people, Christian communities whose faith, hope and love have produced vocations to the priesthood and religious life... partners, not spectators, in faith and evangelization," said Josephite Father Roger Caesar in the homily for the April 18 Mass at St. Thomas More High School in Lafayette. The order's U.S. presence dates from when four missionary priests of the Mill Hill Josephites in London arrived in Baltimore in 1871 to begin their ministry to African-American communities. In 1893, the American Josephites were established.

Jesuit universities start undergraduate program in China

WASHINGTON (CNS)—This August the first group of undergraduate students from U.S. Jesuit universities will head to China for one to two semesters of special studies in Chinese culture. They will live and study at the Beijing Center, which will open this summer on the campus of Beijing University of Physical Education in the northwest suburbs of the Chinese capital. Each semester will include two trips to other parts of China, one for a week and one for two to three weeks. A scholar in residence will lead the longer trips, teaching the students about the history and culture of the places they visit. The undergraduate foreign study program is separate from a groundbreaking international master in business administration program recently announced as a joint program of Peking University, China's oldest and most prestigious university, and the graduate business schools of 26 U.S. Jesuit universities.

World

Slovak bishops express concern about political developments

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia (CNS)—Nine Slovak bishops have written to government officials expressing concern about political developments before the fall elections. "The situation which is developing in Slovakia is making us uneasy," said the letter, addressed to Premier Vladimir Meciar and parliament chairman Ivan Gasparovic. "We want to call the public's attention to the matters at hand," said Bishop Frantisek Tondra of Spis. Among the issues covered in the current letter were control of the press, changes in election law before upcoming parliamentary elections this fall and Slovakia's international isolation. The bishops also expressed concern about nonobjective reporting by Slovakia's state-run STV television news station, which often fails to give air time to opposition party members and air opposing views. The bishops called for allowing direct presidential elections by Slovakia's citizens, instead of by parliament.

Suspect arrested in connection with Guatemalan bishop's murder

GUATEMALA CITY (CNS)—A man has been arrested in connection with the murder of Auxiliary Bishop Juan Gerardi, the government announced April 30. Carlos Enrique Vielma, 24, of no fixed occupation, was taken into custody mid-morning April 30 as "the first suspect" in the murder case, Interior Minister Rodolfo Mendoza Rosales told reporters. "This is a just first step, although an important one, in the investigation process, but it still only one step," Mendoza said. He added that "what's still to come is a whole process of collecting evidence" and interrogating the suspect, which is the responsibility of the attorney general's office. However, Dr. Robert Kirschner, a forensics specialist with Physicians for Human Rights, told *The Los Angeles Times*, "I am almost certain they have the wrong guy."

People

Nebraska bishop criticizes NCCB document on homosexuality

DEDHAM, Mass. (CNS)—The pastoral message issued last fall by a U.S. bishops' committee to the parents of homosexual children is "very flawed and defective," said Bishop Fabian W. Bruskewitz of Lincoln, Neb. "The document, in a view which is shared by many, is founded on bad advice, mistaken theology, erroneous science, and skewed sociology," said Bishop Bruskewitz. He made the comments in a critique reprinted in the May issue of the Dedham-based *Catholic World Report*, an international monthly magazine. The critique also appeared in other publications. His criticism was directed at the 20-page message titled *Always Our Children*, prepared by the U.S. bishops' Committee on Marriage and Family and made public Oct. 1. It is subtitled *A Pastoral Message to Parents of Homosexual Children and Suggestions for Pastoral Ministers*.

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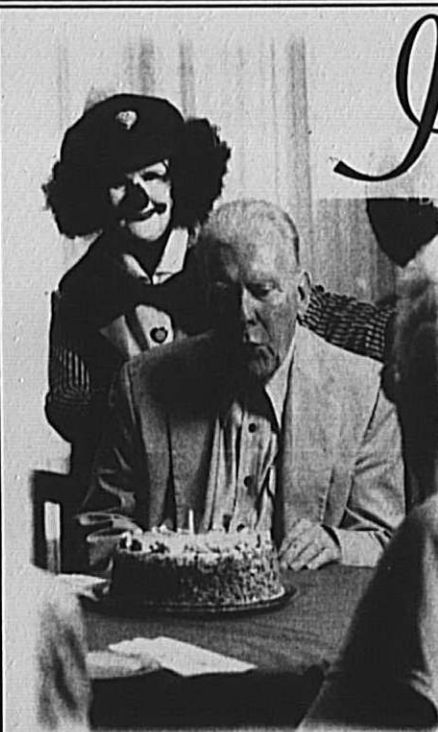
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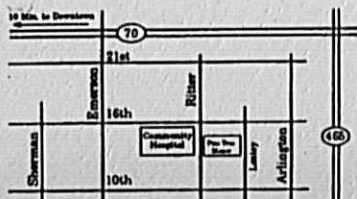
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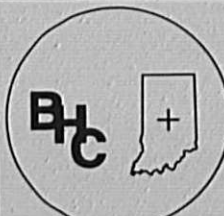


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Madison students Lourdes' experience is spiritual

By Jessica Hodges
Special to The Criterion

MADISON—A chance of a lifetime was provided to students of Shawe Memorial High School this spring.

While traveling together on a school trip in France, the seniors and chaperones visited Lourdes. The place of the Virgin Mary's appearances with Bernadette was a powerful and moving tour site.

Originally the 11 students and five chaperones did not plan to visit Lourdes. Teacher Aline Schafer worked with the tour guide and bus driver to squeeze the trip to Lourdes into their schedule.

"It was a great surprise when we found we'd be able to go there while on the trip," principal Nancy McCabe said.

"Lourdes was a point of inspiration during our trip," Eddie Kapfhammer said. "It gave us a chance to step back and soak in all the wonders we were privileged to experience."

Many students commented on the calm that seemed to envelop the area.

"Lourdes was very, very quiet," Gabe Freeman reflected. Sara Dalglish said, "It was one of the most spiritual experiences."

"Lourdes is very calm. There was a lot of time for contemplation," Kevin McWilliams added in French.

Students approached the grotto and felt the stone and waters. A reverent silence hung over the area and everyone fell quiet as they approached the grotto. It was evident that everyone was standing on sacred ground. Some lit candles.

Others prayed. Many walked along the water, reflecting on their lives and the wonderful opportunity to visit Lourdes.

"I felt a strong connection, especially when I entered the cave and touched the dripping water," said Joe Yoo.

Chaperone Mary Jo Jankosky appreciated the special occasion. "It was great to be standing on the same ground where years ago many people stood and saw visions of Our Most Holy Mother 18 times," she said. "I felt her presence. I touched the water from the spring where Bernadette found water, and I washed my face and drank the water."

Her daughter, Aundree Jankosky, added, "The water in the grotto seemed different—more pure and extremely sacred."

Students found other ways to pray besides lighting candles or touching the water.

"I didn't have enough money to buy a candle, so I picked some flowers," Kelly Armbricht said. "As I tossed them into the river, each one represented a certain prayer or thought."

Others entered the churches above the grotto for some time alone.

Seniors participating on the trip were Kelly Armbricht, Sara Dalglish, Marcus Davis, Gabe Freeman, Jessica Hodges, Jenny James, Aundree Jankosky, Eddie Kapfhammer, Kevin McWilliams, Kate Thornton, and Joe Yoo. Chaperones were French teacher Aline Schafer, principal Nancy McCabe, Mary Jo Jankosky, Sally McWilliams, and Larry Thornton.

"Even though I'm not Catholic," Kate Thornton said,



Shawe Memorial High School seniors Jenny James and Eddie Kapfhammer of Madison touch the rocks in the grotto of the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes during their recent school trip to France.

"the experience was still meaningful to me."

McCabe later described their visit to the Marian shrine as "a lovely day to experience the healing, beauty, and power of Lourdes." †

(Jessica Hodges is a senior at Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School and is a member of Prince of Peace Parish in Madison.)

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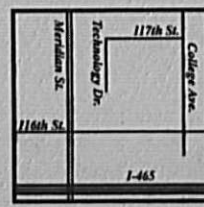
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May 7-9

St. Andrew Parish, Indianapolis, 4050 E. 38th St., will hold a spring rummage sale in the church basement. Hours: Thursday and Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m.-Noon. Saturday is \$1 a bag day. The sale will also include furniture and collectibles.

May 8-9

Secena Memorial High School, Indianapolis, 5000 Nowland Ave., will perform the musical "Guys and Dolls," 8 p.m. Cost: \$5 at the door; \$4 pre-purchased. Information: 317-356-6377.

May 10

Saint Meinrad Archabbey will hold Monte Cassino pilgrimages, "Surrender to God's Will: Mary's Example to Us," with Benedictine Brother Jacob Grisley, beginning at 2 p.m., with open hymn, short sermon, followed by rosary procession. The shrine is located one mile east of the archabbey on State Hwy. 62. Information: 812-357-6585. (Second of five services scheduled)

St. Anthony Parish, Indianapolis, 379 N. Warman Ave., will have a eucharistic party, 1 p.m., Ryan Hall. Cost: \$3 per person includes refreshments and door prizes.

May 11

St. Mary Parish, New Albany, 8th and Spring Sts., will sponsor "March for Jesus," 7-9 p.m. Refreshments and fellowship.

May 12

Father Jim Farrell, pastor of St. Bernadette and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes, along with Sherry Meyer, a lay missionary, will share their "Tales from Uganda," 7:30 p.m. at Schafer Hall, St. Mark Parish, Indianapolis, 535 E. Edgewood. Information: 317-781-3507.

May 13

St. Augustine spring luncheon and style show, "Spring into Summer," will be held at the Ritz Charles, 12156 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, social hour begins 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$20.00. Information and Reservations: 317-842-3136, Ann Hyde, or 317-846-2163, Lois Hineman.

May 14

Father Jim Farrell, pastor of St. Bernadette and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes, along with Sherry Meyer, a lay missionary, will share their "Tales from Uganda," 7:30 p.m. at Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, 5353 E. 56th St. Information: 317-784-3507.

May 15

The Ave Maria Guild will have

a rummage sale at St. Paul Hermitage, 501 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

May 15-17

St. Joseph Parish, Shelbyville, 125 E. Broadway, will hold its parish festival, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost: \$6 adults; \$4 children 10 and under. Information: 317-398-8227.

May 17-18

St. Gabriel School, Indianapolis, 6000 W. 34th St., will hold open registration for preschool through grade 8. Sunday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Monday 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Information: 317-297-1414.

Recurring

Daily

St. Patrick Parish, Indianapolis, holds a Tridentine (Latin) Low Mass daily (except Sunday), 8 a.m.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, Greenwood, 335 S. Meridian St., Parish Center building, hosts perpetual adoration 24 hours a day.

Weekly

Sundays

St. Patrick Parish, Indianapolis, holds a Tridentine (Latin) High Mass, 1:30 p.m.

St. Anthony Parish, Clarksville, holds "Be Not Afraid" Holy Hour from 6-7 p.m.

Mondays

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, Greenwood, 335 S.

Meridian St., hosts a prayer group, 7:30 p.m. in the chapel.

Tuesdays

Our Lady of the Greenwood Marian Prayer group meets from 7-8 p.m. in the chapel to pray the rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

St. Joseph Parish, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. West, Shepherds of Christ Associates prays for priests and religious, the rosary, the litanies to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and Chaplet of Divine Mercy following 7 p.m. Mass.

Holy Name Parish, Beech Grove, 89 N. 17th St., holds Marian prayer group from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Marian Movement of Priests cenacle prayer group, rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, consecration, 1-2:10 p.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 57th and Central Ave.

Thursdays

St. Lawrence Parish, Indianapolis, has adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel from 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Mass.

St. Mary Parish, New Albany, Shepherds of Christ Associates gathers at 7 p.m. to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and lives consecrated to Jesus and Mary.

St. Patrick Parish, Salem, Shelby St., holds prayer service, 7 p.m.



Fridays

St. Susanna Parish, Plainfield, 1210 E. Main, holds adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

St. Lawrence Parish, Indianapolis, hosts adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel from 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Benediction and Mass.

Pro-life rosary is prayed at 10 a.m. in front of Affiliated Women's Services, Inc., 2215 Distributors Dr., Indianapolis.

Saturdays

Pro-life rosary is prayed at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Clinic for Women, E. 38th St. and Parker Ave., Indianapolis.

Monthly

First Sundays

St. Paul Parish, Sellersburg, prayer group meets in the church from 7-8:15 p.m. Information: 812-246-4555 or 812-246-9735.

First Mondays

The Guardian Angel Guild holds its board of directors meeting, O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Benedictine Room, 9:30 a.m.

First Tuesdays

Divine Mercy Chapel, Indianapolis, next to St. Michael Church and Cardinal Ritter High School, 3354 W. 30th St., holds Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m. Confession is at 6:45 p.m.

First Fridays

Holy Guardian Angels Parish, Cedar Grove, 405 U.S. 52, hosts eucharistic adoration after 8 a.m. Mass until 5 p.m.

St. Roch Parish, Indianapolis, 3600 S. Pennsylvania St., holds rosary and Benediction, 7-8 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Indianapolis, 5333 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, holds the Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph Hill, Sellersburg, 2605 St. Joe Rd. West, holds eucharistic adoration following 8 a.m. Mass until noon.

Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, 1530 Union St., holds Exposition of Blessed Sacrament following 8 a.m. Mass, closing with communion service at noon.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Bedford, celebrates exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after

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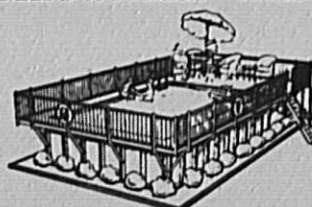
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St. Joseph University Parish, Terre Haute, holds eucharistic adoration after the 9 a.m. Mass until 5 p.m. with rosary at noon.

First Saturdays

St. Nicholas Parish, Sunman, hosts 8 a.m. Mass, praise and worship music followed by the Fatima Rosary. Monthly SACRED gathering follows in the parish school.

Apostolate of Fatima holds holy hour, 2 p.m. in Little Flower Chapel, 13th and Bosart, Indianapolis.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, Greenwood, 335 S. Meridian St., holds First Saturday devotions starting with Mass at 8 a.m. followed by the rosary and the sacrament of reconciliation.

Holy Angels Parish,

Indianapolis, 28th and Martin Luther King Jr. St., holds exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 11 a.m.-noon.

Second Wednesdays

The archdiocesan Family Life Office, Natural Family Planning Classes, meets at 7:30 p.m. at the O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Cost: \$20. Information: 317-236-1596 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1596.

Second Thursdays

Focolare Movement meets at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Millie and Jim Komro. Information: 317-257-1073 or 317-845-8133.

Third Mondays

Young Widowed Group, sponsored by the archdiocesan Family Life Office, meets at St. Matthew Parish, 4100 E. 56th St., Indianapolis at 7:30 p.m. Child care available. Information: 317-236-1586.

Third Wednesdays

Catholic Widowed Organization

meets from 7-9:30 p.m. at the O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Information: 317-887-9388.

Holy Family Parish, Oldenburg holds a support group for widowed persons at 7 p.m. Information: 812-934-2524.

Calvary Chapel/Mausoleum, Indianapolis, 435 W. Troy Ave., Mass at 2 p.m.

Our Lady of Peace Chapel/Mausoleum, Indianapolis, 9001 Haverstick Rd., Mass at 2 p.m.

Third Thursdays

Sacred Heart Parish, Indianapolis, 1530 Union St., holds Family Rosary Night at 7 p.m.

Third Fridays

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana gathers for teaching, Mass and healing service at the chapel in St. Francis Hall, Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Rd., Indianapolis, beginning at 7 p.m.

Third Saturdays

The archdiocesan Pro-Life Office and St. Andrew Parish, Indianapolis, 3922 E. 38th St., hosts a Mass for Life, 8:30 a.m., followed by a walk to the abortion clinic at 2951 E. 38th St. to pray the rosary, returning to St. Andrew for the Benediction.

Bingos

TUESDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 11 a.m.; St. Michael, 6 p.m.; St. Malachy, Brownsburg, 5:30 p.m.; Msgr. Sheridan K of C Council 6138, Johnson Co., 6:15 p.m.; St. Pius X K of C Council 3433, 6 p.m.; K of C, 1040 N. Post Rd., 9 a.m.-noon. WEDNESDAY: St. Anthony, 6:30 p.m.; K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 5:45 p.m.; St. Roch Parish, St. Roch School, 3603 S. Meridian, 6:00 p.m. THURSDAY: Holy Family K of C, American Legion Post 500, 1926 Georgetown Rd., 6:30 p.m.; FRIDAY: St. Christopher, Indianapolis, 6:30 p.m.; Holy Name, Beech Grove, 5:30 p.m. SATURDAY: K of C Council 437, 1305 N. Delaware, 4:30 p.m. SUNDAY: St. Ambrose, Seymour, 4 p.m.; Ritter High School, 6 p.m.; Msgr. Sheridan K of C Council 6138, Johnson Co., first Sunday of each month, 1:15 p.m.

12 more are 'new'

The Criterion has been welcoming "new" members of the archdiocesan church. To the 1,393 named in previous weeks, the following list was just received, bringing the total to 1,405:
New Albany Deanery
St. Paul, Sellersburg:

Matthew Bauer, Ray Caldwell, Susan Geigich, Joseph Brumleve (catechumens); Debra Bauer, Jim Lamaster, Deborah Rieger, Jodi Rieger, Anglea Tinsley, Todd Tinsley, Jeffrey Quinlin, Rebecca Quinlan (candidates).

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Catholic men answer call to holiness at conference

By Brigid Curtis
Special to The Criterion

CINCINNATI—More than 10,000 Catholic men from all parts of the Midwest, including a small group from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, journeyed to Cincinnati on April 25, to answer God's call to grow in holiness during the fourth annual Catholic Men's Conference.

The conference titled "Answer the Call IV," sponsored by the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Greater Cincinnati, Inc., featured Auxiliary Bishop Carl K. Moeddel, of Cincinnati; Bishop Robert W. Muench of Covington, Ky.; Scott Hahn, a professor at Franciscan University of Steubenville, nationally known for his journey to Catholicism; and Redemptorist Father Tom Forrest, founder of Evangelization 2000 to promote the faith in anticipation of the new millennium at the urging of the pope.

Other speakers for the event were Jim Berlucchi, executive director for Legatus, an international association of Catholic business leaders, and Admiral Jeremiah Denton, a POW and founder of the Denton Foundation, which ships millions of pounds of humanitarian materials to the underprivileged around the world.

"In today's world of rush-rush, along with the pressures of feeling like we have to make lots of money, the speakers encouraged men to slow down and realize what's really important—family, friends and, most importantly, our relationship with God," said John Sullivan of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis. "God wants us to be the best we can be, but not at the expense of our relationship with him or at the expense of our families."

"The conference challenged men to take a long look in the

mirror and ask the question, 'How can I be different to be more of the man Christ wants me to be,'" said Sullivan. "I plan to take that challenge seriously and hope I can encourage other men to do the same thing."

John Hannigan of St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis said that the conference gave him a spiritual boost. "It's an overwhelming feeling to have over 10,000 men singing and praising the Lord in one big stadium," said Hannigan. "It inspires us to come back home and change the world for Jesus."

"While there's a certain spiritual high men feel at a gathering of this magnitude, after the conference is over and the daily grind sets back in, it's important for men to have a small men's group for spiritual encouragement and accountability," said Hannigan, who has been part of a men's group for 13 years.

Tom Pottratz of Indianapolis, a St. Lawrence parish-

ioner and organizer of the men's pilgrimage to Cincinnati, said, "The gathering was a Catholic version of Promise Keepers, but was even better because we were able to receive the sacraments. There were close to 100 priests available for those who wanted to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. The day ended with the Eucharist celebrated by Bishop Robert Muench, who concelebrated the Mass with over 100 vested priests and deacons. It was a beauty to behold," he said.

The next Catholic Men's Conference is tentatively scheduled for April 17, 1999.

To obtain cassette tapes of the day's speakers or for details on next year's conference contact Answer the Call at (513) 321-HOPE, send e-mail cmf@thecall.org or visit Answer the Call at their homepage www.thecall.org.

(Brigid Curtis is a correspondent for The Criterion.)

\$43,975 in education grants approved

Some archdiocesan educators will be better prepared and programs better formulated, thanks to \$43,975 in Total Catholic Education endowment grants and loans recently approved by the Archdiocesan Education Commission.

The commission approved grants for 10 projects and extended

loans to eight educators. Twenty-five applicants requested \$137,000 before the March 1 deadline.

According to Kathy Brennan, New Albany Deanery chair of the archdiocesan review committee, that the proposed programs and the applications were very high in quality.

Several of the projects are collaborative, includ-

ing one that will support training of religious educators and teachers in a deanery-wide comprehensive technology program in New Albany.

In addition, the Indianapolis North Deanery will host critical-thinking teacher training. And the commission has repeated support to the Indianapolis East Deanery

adult religious education program, coordinated by the administrators of religious education there.

Rex Camp, associate director of Catholic education, said that through the generosity of donors and effective stewardship of the Catholic Community Foundation, the Total Catholic Education Fund continues to grow.

Awards since the endowment was created total \$440,000. The next deadline for applications is Oct. 1, 1998.

Among the largest loan amounts awarded: Kyle Koelling St. Mary, Aurora, \$5,250 to obtain certification in educational administration; Scott Stewart, Roncalli High School, Indianapolis, \$3,960 to obtain master of administration degree; Sue Butwin of the Terre Haute Deanery Center, \$3,300 to obtain a master's degree in pastoral theology; Annette Jones, Little Flower School, Indianapolis, \$3,000 to obtain a master of administration degree.

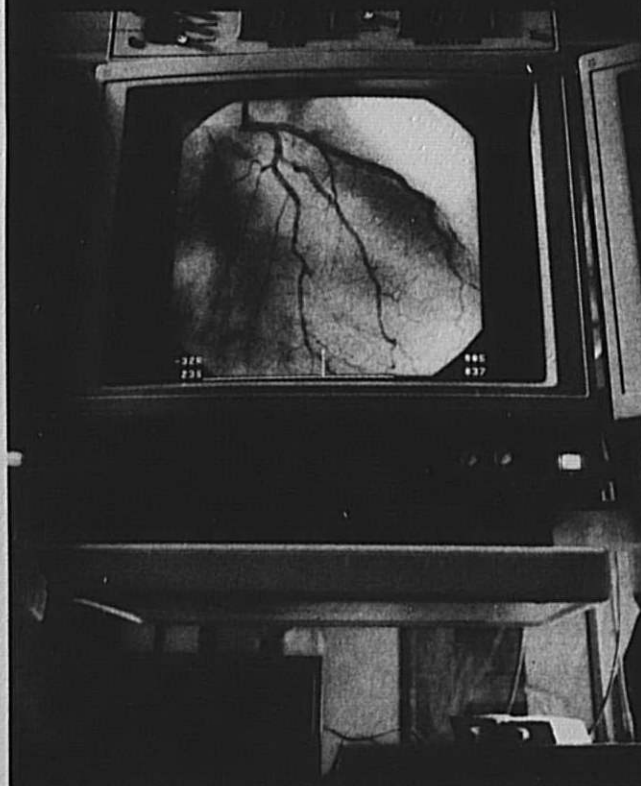
Cynthia Greer, Our Lady of the Greenwood, received a loan for \$2,875 to obtain a master's degree in administration. Bob Meaney, Office of Catholic Education, received a loan of \$2,600 to continue support of a doctorate in ministry. Sandi Stanfield, Office of Catholic Education, got a loan of \$1,600 for graduate degree in pastoral studies. Rita Rogers of Holy Name, received a \$1,000 loan to complete the Loyola in Ministry Extension Program (LIMEX) program.

Jerry Ernstberger and the New Albany Deanery schools received a \$7,000 grant for technology training.

Other grants went to Bob Meaney of the Office of Catholic Education—\$3,250 to support high school religion teachers' attendance at the University of Dayton "Myth and Message" seminar.

Among others, Franciscan Father Troy Overton of Cardinal Ritter High School got a grant of \$2,500 to provide catechist training on the historic contributions of Cardinal Joseph Ritter on racism and injustice through a video produced by Cardinal Ritter and Bishop Chatard high schools. †

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ALEXANDER, Barbara G. (Lentz), 71, Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, April 10. Wife of Robert H. Alexander. Mother of Andrea B. Alexander. Sister of Harry J., Daniel F., Carl W., Mary Margaret and E. Micheline Lentz. Wintress A. Campbell.

BARTELL, Raymond F. Sr., 77, St. Martin of Tours, Siberia, April 23. Husband of Henrietta Bartell. Father of Barbara Carter, Mary Ann, Raymond Jr., William, Robert and James Bartell. Brother of William Bartell, Lucille Smith, Bette Wessling. Grandfather of 12. Great-grandfather of one.

BUERGER, Richard M., 73, St. Mary, Greensburg, April 30. Husband of Ruth C. Buerger. Father of Michael and Mark L. Buerger, Carole Brock. Brother of Beverly Hamilton. Grandfather of five. Great-grandfather of four.

CAMPBELL, Irene Williams, 88, St. Mary's, New Albany, April 22. Aunt of several nieces and nephews.

EDDINGTON, Virginia M., 68, St. Joseph, Indianapolis, April 22. Wife of David J. Eddington. Mother of David J., Mark G., Peter J., John J., Patrick J., James J. and Steven J. Eddington, Susan M. Denton, Therese M. Giapponi, Jane M. Gramse, Molly A. Harrison. Sister of Donald and Ronald Ralph, Betty Shadid. Grandmother of 23.

GIESTING, Virgil B., "Cap.", 64, Holy Family, Oldenburg, April 22. Husband of Myrna Wallpe Giesting. Father of Jean Mendenhall, Jill Baranowski, Joseph, Terence, Jeffrey and Mark Giesting. Brother of Arnold, Leonard, Frank and Joseph Giesting, Pauline Gillman, Cleopha Hirt, Rosemary Stercz, Edna Sidell. Grandfather of 10.

KREIN, Anita Gertrude, 98, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, April 20. Mother of Martha Maher. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of seven.

LANG, Anthony G. Jr., 82, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, April 6. Husband of Mary Lang. Father of Stephen, Anthony III, Edward, Gary and Christopher Lang. Brother of Maxine Fischer. Grandfather of 10.

LEY, Carolyn A., 89, Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, April 14. Mother of Carol Freeland, Patricia Pine. Sister of Dorothy Moody. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of 10.

MONBOUQUETTE, Bernard, St. Matthew, Indianapolis, April. Husband of Kathryn Monbouquette.

MULLIS, Cecilia, 95, St. Boniface, Fulda, April 26. Mother of Esther Klee, Mary Ann Troesch, Sylvester, Leroy, Leo, John, Joe, Othmar and Oscar Mullis. Sister of Joe Jacob, Theresia Beier. Grandmother of 48. Great-grandmother of 94. Great-great-grandmother of six.

NICHOLSON, Hilrduth V.,

89, St. Elizabeth, Cambridge City, April 26. Mother of Othella Swim, Mary Ann Rader, Joan Gentry, Jerome and Joseph Nicholson. Sister of Frances Wogoman. Grandmother of 22. Great-grandmother of 30. Great-great-grandmother of four.

PIERLE, Kathleen (Brown), 44, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, April 7. Wife of Stephen J. Pierle. Mother of Heath, Heidi Marie Pierle and Heather Marie Nitzel. Sister of Michael, David and Carol Brown.

SCHMALL, Harold L., 74, St. Mary, Rushville, April 24. Husband of Barbara Schmalls. Father of Carol Strode, Dan L. Schmalls. Brother of Paul Schmalls, Doris Rhodes. Grandfather of two. Great-grandfather of two.

SCHMIDT, Alice E., 90, Holy Family, Oldenburg, April 28. Mother of Mary Rose Doyle, Jane Peetz, Robert Schmidt. Sister of Francis Gutzwiller, Bertha Wilder, Gertrude Flack, Viola McCreary. Grandmother of 10. Great-grandmother of 21. Great-great-grandmother of four.

SCHWALL, James W., 69, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, April 28. Husband of Ann Rayman Schwall. Father of Doug Schwall, Debbie McCarty, Pam Bracken. Stepfather of Sue Parish. Brother of Shelly Graham. Grandfather of eight. Step-grandfather of two.

SITZMAN, Madison Rochelle, infant, St. Martin of Tours, Siberia, April 27. Daughter of David and Jacquelyn Sitzman. Sister of Wesley and Tyler Sitzman. Granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sitzman. Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Gehlhausen.

SOWERS, Elmer G., 84, St. Michael, Indianapolis, April 13. Husband of Gertrude Sowers.

SWITZER, Paula M., 35, St. Joseph, Shelbyville, May 2. Wife of Dan Switzer. Mother of Danny and Brandon Switzer. Daughter of Ralph N. Werner. Sister of Ralph E. and Ray Werner, Patty Keith, Pam Swinford.

WITTMAN, Paul M., 72, St. Elizabeth, Cambridge City, April 22. Husband of Patricia Wittman. Father of David Wittman, Deb Arnold. Brother of Carl Wittman, Bertha Klein, Alferida Homan. Grandfather of three.

Clinton criticized for position on foreign aid, abortion funding

WASHINGTON (CNS)—President Clinton's threatened veto of a foreign aid bill that bars U.S. payments to groups that provide abortions overseas shows how far he has drifted from American public opinion on abortion, according to the U.S. Catholic bishops' pro-life spokeswoman.

Helen Alvare, director of planning and information for the bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, praised the Senate for its 51-49 vote April 28 to approve a foreign aid bill that would forbid U.S. funding of foreign groups that perform abortions or lobby foreign governments for changes in abortion laws.

The legislation, already passed by the House, also includes nearly \$1 billion in back dues owed by the United States to the United Nations, which Clinton had requested. But the president said he would veto the bill if it also included limits on international family planning funds.

Alvare said the legislation, as approved, differs from earlier congressional restrictions on abortion-providing groups overseas. Previous versions of the so-called "Mexico City policy" barred funds to groups that performed abortions or referred for abortions, even if they used their own money to do so.

But the Clinton administration "crossed the line" and "went beyond being pro-abortion" by proposing funds for

groups that perform abortions in countries where the procedure is banned and which seek to overturn laws restricting abortion in those countries, the pro-life official said.

"This is a very serious international matter," Alvare said. "The decision to associate the United States and himself with illegal abortions is really quite radical."

Congressional leaders said they planned to delay sending the legislation to the White House in order to allow time for Clinton to think about whether he wants to sacrifice the U.N. funds. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi said he did not think the U.N. funding would pass in any other form this year.

"In my opinion this is it," Lott said, adding that a veto "would be a big mistake for our foreign policy apparatus." But White House spokesman Barry Toiv said April 29 that Clinton would carry out his threat to veto the legislation.

"By including this extraneous but controversial provision relating to family planning, the Congress leaves the president no choice but to veto the bill," Toiv said. "We hope they will get the bill up here quickly so the president can veto it and we can move on to separating this issue from this essential legislation, as it ought to be separated."

Republicans also have threatened to attach the provision to a bill authorizing \$18 billion for the International Monetary Fund.

In a statement before the Senate vote, Clinton criticized attempts to link the abortion matter to the issues of U.N. dues or IMF funding.

"Failure to act on these matters will put at risk both global economic stability, which will affect our own, and the prosperity that has widened the opportunity that we have enjoyed in this country," he said. †

Franciscan Sister Seraphica taught at St. Rita School

Franciscan Sister Seraphica Kochert died on April 27. She was 84.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Motherhouse Chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg on April 29.

Born in Lanesville, she entered the Oldenburg Franciscan community in 1932 and professed her final vows in 1938.

Sister Seraphica taught at

St. Rita in Indianapolis, as well as schools in Ohio and Missouri. She also did housekeeping at a convent in Evansville.

She is survived by four sisters, Evelyn Jacobi, Lucille Buechler, Mary Jenkins and Ann Smith, and one brother, Clemence Kochert.

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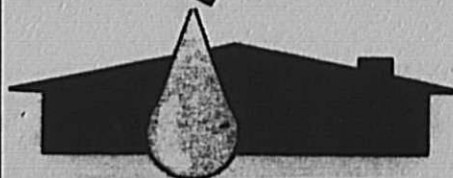
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Purdue coach: Focus on faith, positive living

Tiller: The company you keep influences your attitude and behavior

By Mary Ann Wyand

Purdue University football coach Joe Tiller of West Lafayette likes to talk about faith and the benefits of positive living.

Tiller, a Catholic who was named Big Ten Coach of the Year after his first season at Purdue, said he incorporates those topics into his locker room conversations with the Boilermakers, who finished second in the Big Ten conference last year.

Purdue's new football coach also shared his philosophy on life with Sccecina Memorial High School students and honored representatives of eight Indianapolis East Deanery grade schools on May 3 as the keynote speaker for Sccecina's scholar-athlete awards ceremony.

"We have a lot of fun at Purdue with the sport of football and with young people," Tiller said. "I tell incoming freshman athletes the number one thing they need to recognize is the fact that

most young people make mistakes or, as I prefer to call them, errors of judgment, early in the school year. I tell them to be alert, because they always need to make good judgments and good decisions."

Learning to budget time is another important life lesson, Tiller said. "The best skill you can develop is self-discipline. That's what budgeting your time is all about—to make appropriate adjustments to stay on schedule."

Young people also need to remember that family and friends are important support groups, he said. "Your most precious possession in your life is your family. Your friends will influence you dramatically, but they will also be your support group."

Making friends is critical, he said, and it's important to associate with "good people" in order to have a positive attitude about life.

"The company you keep influences a couple of very critical things in your life—your attitude and your behavior—so associating with good people is criti-



Purdue University football coach Joe Tiller (left) and Joe Therber, Sccecina Memorial High School athletic director, congratulate Sccecina senior Tanya Popper for earning a scholar-athlete award. Tanya was among 120 students honored May 3 during the Indianapolis East Deanery interparochial high school's spring awards ceremony. She received a Congressional appointment to the West Point Academy Preparatory School in New York.

cal," he said. "Young people also need to remember to relax and have fun."

People often confuse preparation with relaxation, he said. "They think if you're relaxed, you're not properly prepared. I

tell young people to enjoy the moment. If you focus on the moment as you're going through life, your chances of enjoying the moment are much greater. Have fun and enjoy life." †

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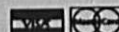
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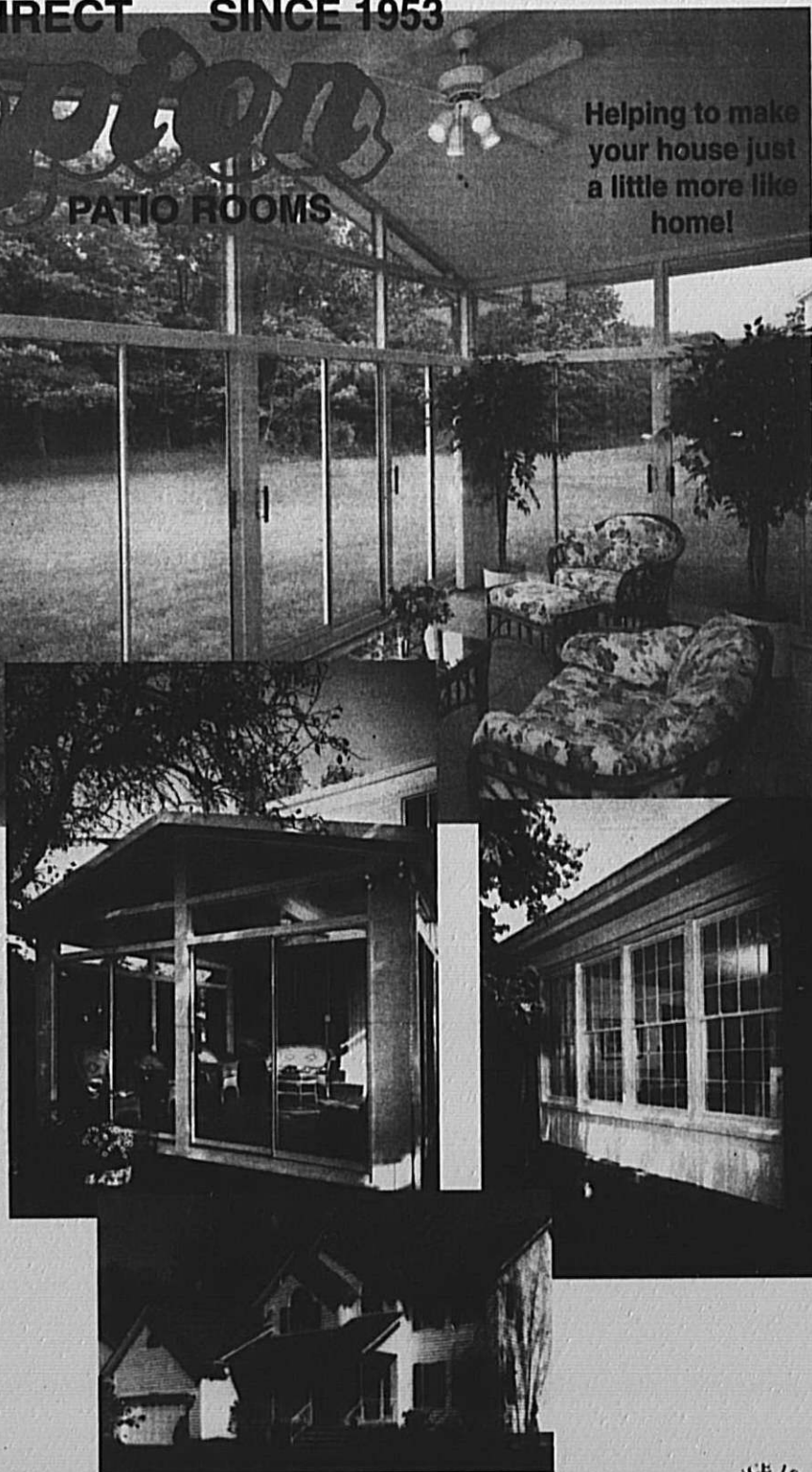
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